1042 lockers

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54 sprinklers

95 chalkboards

196 trophies

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284 girls

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cafeteria meal

26 phones

499 lights in the halls

26 mats in the Gym

588 cafeteria seats

285 seniors

5 advanced classes

14 J-Room outlets

15 basic classes

70 study carrels

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196 parking spaces

# It all Adds Up

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## One in a Hundred 6

Students are constantly being compared in their academic achievements. However, in their personal lives, they found ways to stand out from the crowd and to be that one in a hundred.

## ABC's and 123's 30

Reading, writing, and arithmetic add up to a good education. The new state law required us to attend school for five more days this year to reinforce our ABC's and 123's.

## In Addition 54

Extra responsibilities and honors ended up equaling time after school. Students who participated in clubs and activities had to manage their extra-curricular duties in addition to their studies.

## All Together Now 68

Many of the athletic goals that were set this year were accomplished. Through team work and support by the fans our football team pushed its way through the season with an exceptional record. All together we can do it.

## Counting Heads 114

Many faces could be seen walking through the halls. Even though our enrollment is declining, teachers and faculty members could still be found counting heads.

## We Can Count on . . . 158

The people and businesses of the community supported the school through advertisements and donations. In return, let's support them because they are people we can count on.

# It all Adds Up


Is the pie worth the price? Senior Stacy Baker thinks that it is. The chocolate pie on her face added up to a victory for her and her partner. Activities night was enjoyed by most of the high school.


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We're number one! Seniors Jeff Strack, Joe Biancardi, Bryan Textor, Jason Gilbert, and Junior Eric Smith show their school spirit as they ride down Broad Street in the Homecoming parade.

At eight o'clock in the morning on Friday, August 26, students, teachers, administrators, coaches, and janitors were brought back together for another year at GHS. Just as everyone was getting used to the lazy days and late nights of summer, it was time to hit the books once again.

The next nine months would be spent doing homework, studying, cramming for tests, staying up late and getting up early. Plus working, hanging out with friends, going to sporting events, watching movies and relaxing. In addition to writing research papers, disecting pigs, giving speeches, babysitting plants, and solving equations. And hopefully, passing all required classes!

Students are in school for 181 days. That is 6 hours a day, 30 hours a week, and 1086 hours per year. It also equals 65, 160 minutes and 3,909,600 seconds. IT ALL ADDS UP!

Junior Mike Beasley sits outside Miss Weber's classroom during passing period selling candy bars to Junior Terry Henney and Senior Leanne Nichols. Beasley is trying to raise money to go on a study trip in France.

Seniors Ryan Carrell and Tom Zapinski work at solving a problem at the board in Mr. Bill Platt's first hour Calculus class. It isn't easy to wake up to a class full of numbers. Luckily everyone is able to help one another.

Displaying school spirit at the boys' basketball sectional game against Lake Central, GHS students pretend to be bored as LC's starting five are announced. Although spirits were high, the Panthers lost to the Indians 61-75.

Reflector Editor-in-Chief, Susan Hickey, spends spare time in accounting writing captions for an upcoming deadline. Sue not only works on yearbook deadlines in her other classes, but she also spends several hours after school and at home.


Let's go black. Let's go gold. Black fight. Gold fight Griffith Panthers fight! The GHS cheerleaders show their spirit at the sectional game against Lake Central.

Excited fans cheer on the Panthers during the basketball game against Calumet. Teamwork, concentration, and a great deal of GHS spirit added up to a victory for the Panthers. The Panthers defeated the Warriors 70-65.

With temperatures slowly dropping and the days getting shorter, students and staff realized that another school year was quickly approaching. Students noticed some changes when they came to register this year.

One very noticeable change was the painting of the lockers. The traditional brown had become a light shade of green. We also had two new teachers added to the staff. Another improvement was the addition of MacIntosh computers to the J-room.

After 72 days of soaking in the sun, working, partying, and sleeping in late, students prepared themselves for homework, athletic games, and school dances. After walking through the silver-trimmed glass doors and passing the office kids realized that another year was about to add up. A year that consisted of 181 days, 270 athletic games, and 8 school dances.

What's that guy doing over there? Junior Bobbie Peters looks at fellow students during passing time. A lot of gossip can be heard in the halls in those five minutes that students pass from class to class.

Is this a sit down strike? Students gather in the lower hall for the ever popular tornado drill. Students are required to participate in this drill so they know what to do in case of a real emergency

Touchdown! Junior Julie Lator jumps to her feet to cheer on the team after making the field goal. Getting the crowd fired up this year wasn't difficult with the football team having such a successful season.

I think this goes in here like this. Senior Stacy Baker helps a friend put together her broken crutches before walking her to her next hour class. Students are allowed to leave class five minutes early in order to get to class without getting trampled.

Hey, I can't help myself. It tastes good. Senior Desa Stepanovich finishes eating her share of the chocolate pie in the pie eating contest. Activities night was just one of the events that allows students to let off steam.

Do you remember when we used to dress like that? Mr. Jerry Gurrado, Miss Julie Marcinek, Miss Lawrene Hawthorne, and Mrs. Margie Keithly talk about old times while dressed in their '60's outfits for Spirit week during Homecoming.

# ONE IN A HUNDRED

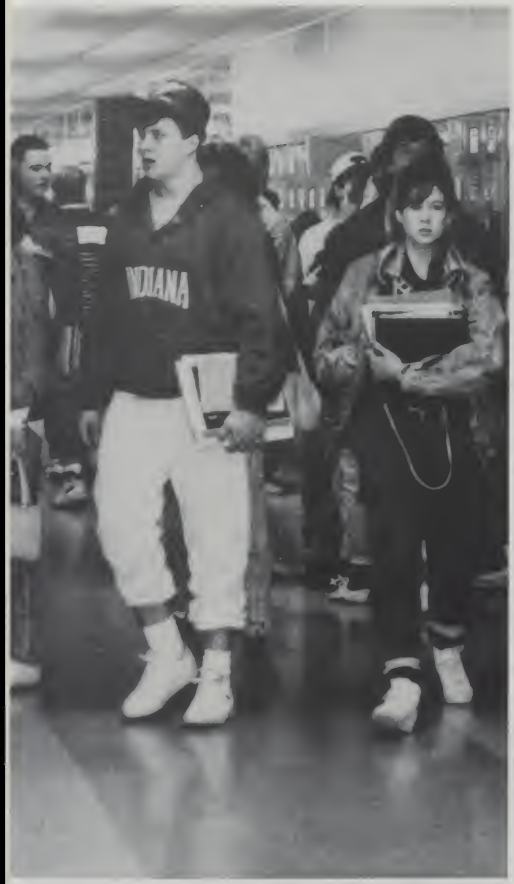
It's 6:30 on Friday morning. The alarm is buzzing. It's time to make the first decision of the day - should you snooze the alarm or just get up? Ten times out of ten, the next move is to hit the snooze button and go back to sleep. When you finally get up at 7:15, you have to rush getting ready so you won't be late for your first hour class. Then, when you get to school at 7:54, you find that the only parking place left is a half a block away. You run all the way to your locker, throw your coat in, grab your books, slam the locker, and then run to your first hour class, which is on the other side of the building. Out of breath, you make it to your seat just as the bell starts to ring. Somehow you make it through the next six hours and are relieved when the dismissal bell rings at 2:55. Some students go off to practice for one sport or another, while others rush home to begin their long-awaited weekend fun.

Student Life at GHS adds up to a lot more than just the activities that go on in the building. Besides doing homework, playing sports, participating in academic competitions, and belonging to to clubs and organizations, there are many things students do outside of school.

Weekends. Two days that pass like two hours. There are several different ways in which students spend their two day break. Some go to parties, the movies or just hang out with friends. Others just relax at home and catch up on sleep.

Each student at GHS has his own unique style of student life. He is ONE IN A HUNDRED!

# FUN + FOOD + FRIENDS =




Is this the right classroom? Senior Chris Galambos sleepily turns to enter his room. Waking up to school and studying isn't easy. Galambos makes a good effort to come alive.

It's a raid! Many students jumped the bleachers and race down onto the field to congratulate their team on a victory. Excitement was in the air this year as the football team was on its way to state.


OOh, I think I ate too Much! Junior Steve Spitz, and junior Frank Sainato relax by the ledge after eating a large lunch. The ledge was a famous place to hang out. Many rumors were started in this very spot.

# STUDENT LIFE

# Fun in the Sun

*"I Spent My Summer Breaking Every Rule My Mother Told Me Not To."*

*-Senior Debbie Dominguez*

Hot, hot, hot! That pretty much sums up the summer of 1988. The 100° weather and lack of rain caused crops and lawns to turn brown and wither. The intense humidity drove people to seek some form of comfort from the heat.

Beaches were packed like sardine cans with people trying to soak up the sun or trying to find some relief in the cool water. Junior Eric Fetsch said, "I beat the heat by going to the beach and laying around the house making my mom mad."

"I went to Florida for a month. Daytona Beach was wild!" said senior Beth Galinski, "They had a surfing contest. The surfer dudes all had painted noses and red hair. It was cool!"

"I went to the beach, got a gorgeous tan and looked at all the guys as they walked by," stated a junior who wished to remain anonymous because of her boyfriend.

Some people spent their summer kicking back at home or near a pond under a tree. Junior Eric Richeke said, "I worked on my car, went hiking and fishing and sat around the house.

"I stayed at my own private beach," said senior Tammy Hageman, "I have a pool, so I stayed home. I went nowhere."

Going to the beach, working, staying home and going on vacations seem to be the most popular things to do during the summer. there is one thing, however, that is the most popular of them all. No matter how hot, how dry, how humid it may be, partying is still the number one thing to do during the summer, especially with high school seniors. Senior Bryan Textor gave us the philosophy, "Partying is a good way to release mental stress."

"I worked a lot and partied mostly," said senior Greg Licina.

"Senior Mike Kelderman put it so very blatantly when he said, "I partied my head off!"

Now don't let these three quotes give you the idea that only guys party. Be they "metalheads" or "preps", partiers are both guys and girls. Senior Karen Parsons said, "I was trashed 80% of the time. I partied my butt off with Metallica at Monsters of Rock."

"My girlfriend, Gina, had an all night party. We had the whole house to ourselves; no adult supervision," said senior Christine Austin, "but there weren't a ton of people, just our closest friends. That's what made it a killer night." Senior Dave Sharp quoted "I went to Great America with Paul Mathews and partied in the parking lot before we went on the Eagle."

Summer is spent so many different ways; no one can determine everything that's done. Whether they are male or female, a senior or a junior junior, etc., high school students generally do the same things, but all of us have one secret desire of how to spend our summer and we can't deny it. One student, senior Debbie Dominguez, was brave enough to carry out that desire. Debbie said, "I spent my summer breaking every rule my mother told me not to."

Senior Rob Shinkle kicks back and relaxes as the rest of his friends enjoy the waves. Going to the beach to get a tan, to cool off or even to seek out the opposite sex, are some of the most popular things to do in summer.

Senior Tony Casillas leaves his mark on the world at Gino's East in Chicago. Gino's East is one of the teen hot-spots you can see crowded on weekends.

Summer. Traveling Softball team members, senior Jen Carpenter and junior Lori Preste, prepare themselves before a softball game against another team downstate.

Senior Ed Winsinski rides the waves of Lake Michigan on his skinboard. This summer skinboarding was just one of the newest crazes to hit our area.

# Seniors Shine

*"Although we have black and gold day every year, I think it is a great way to show off our school spirit. More students seem to dress up on this day than any other."*

*Melissa O'Halloran, senior*

Spirit filled the air as students, as well as faculty, joined together to celebrate Homecoming. Spirit Week, perhaps the most exciting week of the year, had arrived. The sophomores, juniors, and seniors had begun competing against each other to see who had the most spirit.

The week began with Monday being hat, sunglasses, and concert t-shirt day. Although it isn't very uncommon to see students wearing concert t-shirts to school, they did get away with wearing hats and sunglasses which aren't normally allowed. Senior Doug Keen said, "This day was cool because it was one day Mr. Gurrado couldn't yell at me to take my hat off!"

On Tuesday the halls were filled with people wearing bell-bottomed jeans, flat hair, bandanas, and a lot of peace signs. This was, of course, 60's day! Some teachers were good representations of this time period because they really lived through it. "In retrospect, as I look back, the late 60's was a rather obnoxious time, yet I did dress as a typical anti-draft hippy of the 60's, said Mr. Carl Dalton, social studies teacher.

Wednesday followed with everyone dressing in their best apparel on dress up day. "It was nice to see a lot of people, who never dress up, in nice clothes. It was an easy day to participate in because I'm sure everyone has something good to wear. It was a nice change," said senior Paula Gilbert.

Thursday was toga day. Students and faculty members both dressed in their favorite sheets and sandals in hopes of winning some points for their class. "Toga day was great! I really had fun doing it," said junior Mark Osmulski.

Friday followed as our traditional black and gold day. "Although we have black and gold day every year, I think it is a great way to show off our school spirit. More students seem to dress up on this day than any other," said senior Melissa O'Halloran.

With the excitement of Spirit Week, came the excitement of eleven people who where chosen to be on the Homecoming King and Queen Court. The King candidates were seniors: Keith Galocy, Branko Stepanovich, Brett Zabek, Troy Toweson, John Mowery, and Phil Katona. The Queen Candidates were Denise Hochstetler, Mary Hoffman, Deanne Tanis, Desa Stepanovich, and Stacy Baker.

The night before the big game Activities Night was held. This is when students gather on the football field and take part in a number of exciting events. "Activities night is a blast because everyone in your class cheers you on. It was nice seeing people getting together and putting in an effort for their class," said junior Bobbie Peters.

The King and Queen candidates took part in some other fun-filled activities such as licorice eating, pie eating, the wheel barrow race, and the toilet paper wrapping contest.

By the end of the evening the seniors had taken control and won Activities Night, which earned them extra points toward winning Spirit Week, with the juniors following close behind and the sophomores trailing in last.

I can't eat another bite! Senior Stacy Baker lets senior Phil Katona take over in the pie eating contest on Activities Night.

Members of the senior class cheer their team on to victory. The Seniors came in first overall by the end of the evening.

Is it really worth it? Senior Troy Toweson thought so when he came in first place in the pie eating contest.


Senior Greg Licina and his friends show their spirit by decorating a car for the senior class.

Senior Brian Phillips nervously awaits his turn to kick on fourth down. Phillip's broke several panther records throughout his career

What! Me-Homecoming Queen! Senior Desa Stepanovich shows disbelief after hearing her and her brother's name as Homecoming Queen and King.

Go team go! On Activities Night, juniors Steve Trivunovic, Mike Raketich, and Ryan Davis back their class up in quite a different way.

Marching with pride, the Griffith High School Marching Band makes their way down Broad Street during the Homecoming Parade

Senior quarterback Brad Steapleton hands off to junior fullback Greg Rowe in hopes of gaining first down yardage.

# Twins Reign

*This Years Parade Had A Lot Of Spirit. It Seemed Like There Were A Lot More Participants Than There Were In A Few Years Past."*
*Senior Chris Galambos*

Friday had come and the whole school seemed to be bursting with excitement. As you walked into school you could see black and gold streamers and signs posted everywhere. All the football player's lockers were decorated and stuffed with candy by their faithful locker buddies. Students were talking about the big game and what everyone was doing afterwards. September 23-Homecoming '88-was here!

During sixth hour the school showed their support for the team by holding a pep session. One by one, the players were introduced by coach Les Thornton, who also gave a pep talk. The cheerleaders did a good luck cheer and a dance routine followed by a pantherette routine. The last competition between the classes then took place as the cheerleaders once again took the floor and led a yelling contest, where the seniors dominated. Then the winners of Spirit Week were announced to be: the sophomore in first place, the seniors in second, and the juniors in third.

Preceeding the game was our traditional Homecoming parade. Decorated cars, class floats, Queen candidates on their convertables, and the marching band all made their way down Broad Street and back to the high school.

This years parade had a lot of spirit. It seemed like there were a lot more participants than there were in a few years past, said senior Chris Galambos.

The game started at approximately 7:30 p.m. The stands were packed and people were lined up against the fence because there wasn't any room left in the bleachers. The crowd was roaring as the Panthers were beating the Calumet Warriors from the start.

At halftime the marching band and the pantherettes performed a routine while the King and Queen candidates nervously awaited for their turn to walk up the football field. After they lined up in front of the crowd, Booster Club Vice President, Denise Guevara, crowned Branko Stepanovich as Homecoming King. Then, Student Council President, Kevin Lee, placed the Queen's crown on Branko's sister, Desa Stepanovich. Never in G.H.S. history have twins been crowned royalty! "Being with my brother and not even expecting to win," said Desa, "was the best part about being chosen Queen." Branko said, "After I heard my name I think my heart stopped for a second. I was shocked and really excited."

After a victorious 48-6 win for the Panthers, the crowd dispursed. Some went to Pizza Hut, some drove around honking their car horns, while others went to the Homecoming dance held in the upstairs gymnasium.

The Homecoming Court consisted of seniors. Keith Galocy, Troy Toweson, Brett Zabek, Phil Katona, Branko Stepanovich John Mowery, Deanne Tanis, Mary Hoffman, Stacy Baker, Desa Stepanovich and Denise Hochsteller

# Loveisintheair

*"I laugh every time I think of the first date I was ever on. I was in second grade and the boy's mom drove us to the roller rink. It wasn't a real date, but I did have that nervous feeling that I still get every time I go out now."*

*Senior Denise Mikulski*

Dating—is it magic or misery? It does have it's ups and downs but there always seems to be something there that keeps everyone doing it. Besides, what would high school life be like without petty crushes, innocent flings, or serious boyfriends and girlfriends. Dating can bring excitement to your day, give you a sense of security, and often expand your social life.

One thing most people will always remember is their first date. It was probably the most awkward one you'll ever be on. Junior Bobbie Peters said, "We went out for pizza and afterwards I was going to give him a kiss on the cheek and he turned his head and I got him on the lips! I was so embarrassed, especially because I only liked him as a friend."

Senior Denise Mikulski said, "I laugh everytime I think of the first date I was ever on. I was in second grade and the boy's mom drove us to the roller rink. It wasn't a real date but I did have that nervous feeling that I still get every time I go out now."

Some people choose to take a chance with dating and go out on a blind date. Unfortunately, this does not always work. "My friend set me up with this guy that I had never met before. He was really gorgeous but we didn't have too much in common. We never went out again," said junior Alison Textor.

When I went out on a blind date, it was the worst date I had ever been on. The guy was about two feet taller than I was and he turned out to be a real jerk," said senior Michelle Graham.

Another choice about dating is how long you want the relationship to last. Some people choose to not get too involved. "Long term relationships are good for later in life, but for now I think that people should date as many people as they can. This way they have a better chance of finding the person that is right for them," said senior Dawn Brown.

Other people look at this situation a little differently. "Deep down everyone wants just one certain girl or guy that they can call their own, but no one will really admit it," said junior Mike Raketich.

Choosing a girlfriend or boyfriend that goes to your school has both it's ups and downs. "I used to have a boyfriend that did not go to this school and I like it better that way. It was easy for me when we had broken up because I didn't have to see him everyday!" said senior Jodee Meadows.

"I like seeing my girlfriend throughout the day. It kind of makes the hours go by faster when I'm in class because I know I'm going to see her," said junior Joe Sainato.

"My boyfriend doesn't go to school and I like it because it gives us time apart and we are able to be with our friends. Then I'm happier to see him when we go out at night," said senior Penny Reeves.

If you do not have a boyfriend or girlfriend, though, you are not alone. Some peole prefer not to. "I really don't want a girlfriend right now. I only have about a month left of my senior year and I want to enjoy going out with my friends," said senior Doug Keen.

Senior Tricia Turner with her boyfriend Terry Rudzimski, stop at his locker after school to confirm plans for the evening. Seeing each other everyday is an advantage of dating from the same school you attend.

Senior Adam Smith and girlfriend, sophomore Melinda Flemming, stop briefly between classes to say their good-byes until the next time they see each other. For most students, that's only about an hour away.

Many of GHS's "coupled" students walk each other to each others classes. Here, senior Vicki Thinon and boyfriend, David Grimsley, a relatively new couple, walk down the hall hand- in - hand.

Seniors Brett Spickard and Tricia Roach chat casually after going out to lunch. Tricia and Brett have been an "off and on" couple for the majority of their highschool lives.

With all the work put into making the sets there is always one piece of work that sticks out. This year it was a 15 foot replica of a Wurlitzer jukebox

Senior Deanne Tanis portrays the main character, Ellie Greenwich. *Leader of the Pack* is based on the life of the songwriter.

Sophomore Mike Stucky and junior Katrina Gaspar dance and twirl the night away to the sounds of the 50's and 60's.

Juniors Carrie Rockhill, Kylee McLellan and Amy O'Donnell spread a little Christmas cheer while singing "Christmas Baby Please Come Home"

# Leading Off

Lights! Camera! Action! It's playtime! Every year GHS has one theatrical work that lets students show off their talent to act, dance, and sing. This year's theatrical work was *Leader of the Pack*.

*"Being on stage, hearing the applause of a happy audience, and feeling the pounding of your heart in your ears; it's like none other in the world."*

*Leader of the Pack* is a musical about the life of songwriter Ellie Greenwich. According to senior Deanne Tanis, who played the part of Ellie, She (Ellie) likes to be happy. I think that's why I adapted to her character so well. I like to be happy."

The main characters were Ellie Greenwich, senior Deanne Tanis; Jeff Barry, senior J.J. Boylan; Darlene Love, junior Kylee McLellan; Annie Golden, sophomore Tina Kilgore and Gus Sharky, played by senior Mike Miller.

Unlike any other of the past performances, *Leader of the Pack* is a special one. It wasn't really a play, but a musical. Actually, it will probably be the first and last musical here at GHS. The reason being that there were just too many complications. Actors and actresses quarreling amongst themselves, directors arguing with uncooperative actors, and problems with the set.

"It was too difficault to find guys to perform, too demanding of a schedule for students to follow, and too many other activities interfering with rehearsals," said director Gerald Spejewski.

There is definitely a lot of time and money put into a production such as this. Two months of constant work was needed for the set alone. "The cost of the production was approximately $3000.00 including production rights, building materials, etc. ." stated Mr. Weaver.

The jukebox was one of the biggest attractions of the production. It was designed as a large scale replica of the once popular and now classic Wurlitzer's. "The jukebox was the first thing we started. It took approximately seven weeks to complete and cost around $700.00," said Weaver.

According to Mr. Weaver, during the last weeks of work, several students volunteered their time and help in completing the props. One student who dedicated the majority of his time to helping create the beautiful scenery was senior Aaron Smith.

With all of the work and time it takes to make such a project work, it's hard to say if GHS will put on another show next year or any year hereafter. After everything boils down to opening night; after the lines are learned and the curtain closes on the final performance, are all of the hours of practice put into it really worth it? The answer to this according to junior Kylee McLellan is, "yes, "Being on stage, hearing the applause of a happy audience, and feeling the pounding of your heart in your ears; it's a feeling like none other in the world."

Ellie Greenwich and Jeff Barry, portrayed by seniors Deanne Tanis and J.J. Boylan, reminesce about the good old days of when they were married.

Junior Damion Navarro exercises by doing butterflies with 45 pound weights. There are many different techniques of weightlifting; doing curls such as this are an excellent way of keeping it.

Senior Julie Hedges stretches out and does warm-ups before running in a track meet. Before doing any major physical activity, it's important to start off with something of low-impact.

Amino acids are used to build up the proteins and keep them at a high level, still some guys say they don't really do anything thing to help in the building up of muscles.

Junior Kylee McLellan works vigorously but enjoys doing aerobics. Over the past 10 years, aerobics have by far, become the most popular form of fitness. From Richard Simmons to Jane Fonda's workout, the programs are excellent for the cardiovascular system.

# Trim is In

*"I do eat a lot, but body fat can increase to muscles quicker than just starting from scratch. I like to exercise right after I eat so I can quickly lose body fat and gain my muscle size.*
*Junior Terry Henney*

Today seems to be the age of fitness. Everywhere you look there are girls watching their weight and guys trying to look bigger and stronger. Many students have signed up at local health clubs and are desperately trying to stick with the latest fad diets. Buy why are they trying so hard? To find the answer to that you can open up any magazine and look at the pictures or read any of the health articles. Being trim is in!

One reason for getting in shape is the emphasis sports has on being fit. To excel in most sports, your body must be conditioned. Seniors Troy Toweson and Derek Tucker began working out in eighth grade for football. "When I first started weight lifting I didn't enjoy it because I was forced to do it by the coaches. But it definitely helped me throughout my high school years in athletics," said Toweson.

"I first started working out because of sports. Now that sports are over for me, I still do it because I enjoy getting toned up for the summer," said Tucker.

A lot of people want to keep in shape just because of the way it makes them feel. "I try to go to Living Well Fitness Center as often as I can because when I finish exercising I feel good about myself," said senior Denise Mikulski.

"I workout at Quads gym in Calumet City. The main reason I do is because it makes me feel good and it's fun! It is also a nice way to meet new people," said senior Laura Garcia.

To get the body you want it takes a lot of work. It doesn't just happen overnight. "I workout regularly with some friends at World Gym. It's like a routine now—and that's what it takes," said senior Brian Waddle.

To lose weight and also to be in better health, you must control your intake of junk food and other foods that aren't nutritious. "I originally started to work out to work off some beer fat, but as I progressed I found it to be important to my health," said senior Domingo Alvarez.

"I do eat a lot, but body fat can increase to muscles quicker than just starting from scratch. I like to exercise right after I eat so I can quickly lose body fat and gain my muscle size," said junior Terry Henney.

Diet and exercise really do help in getting that perfect body that you dream about. But for those who feel that they are not getting anywhere, don't worry, you're not alone. "I know I really need to lose weight, but it is so fun to eat that losing weight seems to be an impossible task," said economics teacher, Mr. Bill Birk.

Junior Ryan Davis bench presses approximately 160 pounds. The size of the person and the previous experience of weight lifting determines just how much that person will be able to lift.

Come on honey, let's show them how it's done! Senior Brad Steapleton and junior Kristen Birk dance the night away to the tunes provided by The Music Men.

Sophomores Ryan Keen and Lisa Osmulski pose for the camera after being named Turnabout Prince and Princess on Saturday evening February 11, 1989.

Just entering St. George Greek Orthodox Hall, the site of this year's dance, senior John Yonan picks up his souvenir while his date tries to decide which couple to vote for.

Turnabout court consisted of sophomores Bill Polites, Ryan Keen, Nick Vittorio, Mitch Macieszak, Doug Snyder, Lisa Osmulski, Tina Kilgore, Kristie Jovanovich, Alicia Raketich, and Dana Anderson.

# Never Ending

*"It was enjoyable to see a lot of the student body dressed up in a mature atmosphere. It's too bad we don't see it more often. It was a nice change of pace."*
*Senior Chris Galambos*

It was that time of year again. Girls got nervous wondering if that special guy would say yes to the big question, "Will you go to Turnabout with me?" This year's Turnabout theme was "I Won't Forget You." The dance was held Saturday night, Feburary 11, at St. George Greek Orthodox Hall in Schererville. This was different than the traditional location, Scherwood Club. "The sophomore class liked the new place better because it is a lot nicer looking, the dance floor is larger, and there is a bigger area to take pictures in," said sophomore class co-sponser, Mrs. Smith.

A few days before the dance the Turnabout court was announced. It was made up of Dana Anderson, Kristie Jovanovich, Tina Kilgore, Lisa Osmulski, and Alicia Raketich for princess; Ryan Keen, Mitch Maciszak, Bill Polites, Doug Snyder, and Nick Vittorio for prince.

Two men, The Music Men, provided the entertainment for the evening. "The DJ was really good. It was better than having a band because a DJ has a wider selection of songs," said junior Todd Hoot. "It was a definite improvement. I think we should also have a DJ at Prom," said senior John Yonan.

While the DJ took a break, the Turnabout court lined up in the hallway. Last year's prince and princess, Mark Osmulski and Jayme Davis, also took their places ready to crown the new royalty. Sophomore Jill Burbridge then announced Ryan Keen as prince and Lisa Osmulski as princess.

"I was especially excited because my brother won last year and he got to crown me," said Lisa. Keen said, "I was shocked because I really thought Mitch would have won. But I was really thrilled when I heard it was me!"

Turnabout night was special for a lot of other people too. "The price of Turnabout did go up this year but it was worth it. High School dances are something you always remember," said Yonan.

The dance ended at ten o'clock. Although some couples hit the bowling allies or the local party, it is traditional for the couple to go out to dinner. Some of the favorite places to go were Alexanders, The Raleigh, The Spa, The Patio, and Cortneys. "My date and I went to The Trivaly and had a blast, said senior Carrie Rodriguez. "My friends and I went to Outriggers. There weren't a lot of people there but it was really nice and they had great seafood," said senior Kelli Wilkey. "It was enjoyable to see a lot of the student body dressed up in a mature atmosphere. It's too bad we don't see it more often. It was a nice change of pace," said senior Chris Galambos.

After introducing the couples on this year's court, sophomore Jill Burbridge pauses a moment and glances at the crowd before announcing the winners.

If only this moment could last forever! Junior Michelle Jones and Ryan Staniszeski are in a world of their own as they dance to a romantic song.

# The Latest Craze

*"Styles from years ago are 'in' again, like wearing cardigans with turtle necks and folding your jeans up above your ankles. It's neat because I can get away with wearing some of my dad's clothes that aren't really considered old fashioned anymore." Senior Dodie Hall.*

"Look! Here comes Sue! And look at what she is wearing. I didn't know she went to that concert last night. I would kill for one of those t-shirts!"

Isn't that the way it usually goes? If somebody has something different then everybody wants one just like it. Soon, everyone does get it and another fad has formed at G.H.S. "So many people wear jeans to school so I try to dress up. I like to be different by not looking the way everyone else does," said senior Melissa O'Halloran. Popular items this year include bomber jackets, bandanas, ripped jeans, cardigans, turtle necks, wrestling shoes, boat shoes with the curly laces, and guys with earings. "Bomber jackets are expensive but I had to have one," said senior Dave Nichols. "When I got my hair cut too short, bandanas were in style so I wore one to hide it!" said senior Mike Mostello.

A lot of girls have switched their regular hairspray to spritz. It's like hair spray but it's stronger so you can get your hair to do just about anything you want it to. "I use spritz because I want to make my hair look different from everyone elses," said junior Becky Kundiff. "Some girls get so crazy with that stuff, I don't see how they can comb it out," said junior Tom Sippel. Guys also get into spiking their hair. "It's common now to see some guys just as picky about their hair as some girls are," said junior Ryan Davis.

More often than not, people dress the way they do because of personal preference and just to be comfortable. "I really don't care if people don't like what I wear. I dress the way I do because it pleases me. If they like it, great; if not, they don't have to look at me," said senior Bryan Textor. "I just moved to Griffith from Finland and people do look at me differently because of the way I dress. It doesn't bother me though; I think it's fun!" said senior Katja Karkkainen. Senior Dan Leslie said, "I mostly wear jeans to school because if I have to sit in a desk all day I at least want to be comfortable."

Fashions come in, go out, and can come back again. "Styles from years ago are 'in' again, like wearing cardigans with turtle necks and folding your jeans up above your ankles," said senior Dodie Hall. "It's neat because I can get away with wearing some of my dad's clothes that aren't really considered old fashioned anymore."

But who decides what is 'in' or 'out?' What one person likes may be considered ugly by the next person. "Most people get their fashion ideas from magazines," said senior Toni Morrison. Senior Jeff Strack said, "Anyone can make a statement."

Not everyone has the money to keep up with all the fads though. "I live on my own now so it's not as easy keeping up with styles as it used to be," said senior Michelle Graham. "Some things will always be in style, like jeans, t-shirts, and tennis shoes. When you don't have anything to wear one morning, just throw that on and it's always acceptable," said senior Julie Hedges.

While taking a break from class, sophomore Stephanie Gilbert makes a fashion statement with her tye dyed t-shirt and Guess jean shorts. Ankle bracelets, such as hers, are also popular this year.

Senior Jason Gilbert shows off one of this years trends with his Pink Floyd bandana wrapped around his head. Many of the guys at GHS quickly catch on to each others fads such as this.

Hey, you like my style? Senior Bryan Textor dresses casually for school as junior Dustin Crownover looks on while wearing his 'in' t-shirt. Bryan has wrestling shoes on that are known for being comfortable.

Tennis shoes are and always have been part of a teenagers attire. Many guys go for high tops with air soles for extra style, comfort, and jumping ability. This guy's shoes are of the popular Nike brand.

Going back to his locker for forgotten homework is senior Ed Wisinski. Ed's jeans aren't a mistake, they are what many students consider fashionable. Ripped jeans have come back from the late 60's.

# Forever Young

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*Junior Matt Barrett*

The night was warm and windy. Spirits were high and uplifting. Guys were outside polishing the chrome on their dads' car as it was never polished before. Girls were inside their houses putting the finishing touches on their faity-tale gowns and their perfectly set hairdos. The date was May 13, and the event was 1989's junior-senior prom—a night most memorable for all who went, and for some, one of the last rememberances they will have of G.H.S.

The junior class chose "Forever Young" as this year's prom theme. The colors were peach and pearl and the flower was the peach lily.

The dance was held at Greek Orthodox Hall in Merrillville. The doors opened at 6:00 p.m. with couples lined up ready to get their pictures taken while everything was still just right. Recorded music was provided while people socialized until dinner began at 7:00 p.m. Dinner consisted of salad, mostacholi, chicken, beef, potatoes, and dinner rolls.

After dinner was when everyone cut loose. Girls kicked off their heels and guys removed their jackets and ties. The Banana Band began playing, first with some 60's music and then with songs from the 70's and 80's.

During the band's first break, the Prom candidates matched up with their partners out in the lobby and then walked out in front of the crowd. This year's Queen candidates were juniors Jayme Davis, Genny Huddleston, Michelle Jones, Kylee McLellan, and Christine Roye. The candidates for Prom King were juniors Ryan Davis, Mark Osmulski, Steve Spitz, Ryan Staniszeski, and Steve Trivunovic. Last year's King and Queen, Branko Stepanovich and Deanne Tanis, presented the royalty their crowns. The new King was Ryan Davis, and Kylee McLellan was the new Queen.

"I was really excited, and very surprised! Ryan and I were also both laughing so hard because we were blinded by the cameras! But what made me feel the best was when everyone congratulated us," said McLellan.

"I had such a good time being on court, but I really didn't think I'd win. It was especially neat because Kylee was my date for prom and she was queen! That made it even better," said Davis. Then Kylee and Ryan danced away to the Prom song, "Open Arms" by Journey.

The dance lasted until midnight even though some couples left early to go on to their own plans. Two favorite places most people went to were the beach and Chicago.

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It is traditional for the couple to also go out the day after Prom. The majority of the couples went to Great America while others went to Turkey Run or just spent the day somewhere in Chicago.

"My boyfriend and I went to a Cub's game the next day. It was fun to do something different," said senior Denise Hochstetler.

King candidates: juniors Steve Spitz, Ryan Davis, Mark Osmulski, Steve Trivunovic, and Ryan Staniszeski. Queen candidates: juniors Christine Roye, Kylee McLellan, Jayme Davis, Genny Huddleston, and Michelle Jones.

Senior Paula Gilbert takes some time out of dinner and dancing to talk over plans with her date, Mark Morton. Many couples chose to spend the day after prom at Great America.

Queen Kylee McLellan and her date, King Ryan Davis dance the night away to the Prom song, Open Arms, after being crowned as royalty. Prom was held on Saturday evening, May 13, 1989.

Doug Snyder leans on Chris Galambos while he is being lifted by his friends who are posing for the camera. Back row: Bruce Copper, Mike Mostello, Nate Palkovich, Tom Grisafi, Marc Lesniak, Ed Wisinski, Joe Powers, Mark Wiley, and Rob Shinkle.

Seniors Dave Sharp and his girlfriend, senior Karen Parsons, share a moment together out on the dance floor. Prom night is a special night to share with that special person.

# Full of Dreams

*"I plan to attend Indiana University and major in either journalism or sports management. After college I hope to become a General Manager of a major league baseball team or professional football team."*
*-Senior Ken Moore*

After twelve, no thirteen years of school, including kindergarten, you'd think the seniors of GHS would want an excessively long summer break. Maybe one that lasts through summer, fall, winter, and next spring, but no. The vast majority of seniors aren't taking a break. They are going directly to college.

Some students have dreams of participating in sports during college and as an after college career. "I plan to attend I.U. down in Bloomington and major in accounting. I wish to major in basketball too, as a walk-on for the Hoosiers, said senior Scott Szafasz.

Senior Ken Moore said, "I plan to attend Indiana University and major in either journalism or sports management. After college I hope to become a General Manager of a major league baseball team or professional football team."

Just as students personalities vary so do their career goals. Senior Jeff Rains has plans to attend Wyoming Tech. to study auto body mechanics, as does senior Jason Gilbert.

Senior Jean Stucky said, "I want to go to Spring Arbor College in Michigan to major in Elementary Education."

"I'm hoping to go to college and afterwards open up my own beauty salon," said senior Dajana Tomich.

Seniors Jim Dixon and Bruce Copper share mutual interests in becoming police officers. It's nice to know that some of our fellow students plan to keep us under control.

"I am going to Purdue University Calumet and major in obstetrics nursing," said senior Tricia Roach.

While the majority of us choose common goals as we plan out the rest of our lives, there are still some who have high hopes of a unique career. "I plan to become a cinematographer. I want to attend Columbia College and hopefully transfer to the film school at the University of Southern California," said senior Leo Grin.

Senior James Sanders said, "I'll drop out of Ball State in my junior year to travel the United States. After a series of odd jobs, I will become a poet and a punk rock star."

Senior Bob Tully plans to go to Grand Rapids to study the Culinary Arts, while senior Domingo Alvarez tends to a culinary art of his own. Domingo plans to work for the Budweiser Company.

Senior Desa Stepanovich said, "I would like to go to college to study policital science and, maybe, take the foreign service exam and become a diplomat."

"I plan on being a reservationist in an airport in Arizona," said senior Bethany Galinski.

Senior Cindy Campbell said, "I will be attending Southwest Missouri State for veterinary medicine." Senior Reggie Batusic has plans on attending Manchester College and fulfilling Mr. Birk's dreams by majoring in economics.

Going to college is a serious step, but there are those who plan on going to college and having a good time. Brian Waddle, Angela Gulotta, Joe Powers, and John Mowery are just a few of the GHS seniors who share the same interest.

Senior Dave Higgenbotham reaches to the engine to remove the head covers in Auto shop. Many of the male students here at GHS plan to go into the automotive field after graduation.

Senior Lyzette Leal prepares a layout for Panther Press. Lyzette plans on attending North Western University to major in journalism.

Senior Ed "Ease" Winsinski turns out another one of his many artistic creations. Ed plans to attend Art school for a number of years and then go to Australia and surf the rest of his life away

Senior Dave Nichols works on typing in headlines on the computer for the paper. After graduation, Dave plans on attending Indiana University where he will major in Journalism. His studey here will be of great benefit.

Just goofing around are Chris Gillespie, Paula Gilbert and Jason Gilbert during graduation practice. The seniors had to go through everything three times before they were allowed to break for lunch.

Valedictorian Lyzette Leal presents her last words to the class of 1989. While wearing a replica of John Lennon's glasses, she recites words of inspiration to her fellow seniors from one of his songs.

Senior Tammy Whitfield and one of her friends give each other congratulatory hugs when the graduation ceremony was over. This was both a happy and a sad occasion for all seniors.

All together for one last time, the graduating class waits for each of their turns to go up and receive their diplomas. Through all the good time and bad, this was a time they all stood as one.

# Rules Obeyed

*We all survived the hot weather, the dress codes, and the surveillance camera. Diplomas were given out in the field house. I guess that is all that matters now*

It was a day that, for many seniors, almost didn't happen at all. Not necessarily because of the grades these people received throughout their three years of high school, but because they did not agree with the new rules and regulations set forth by the school administration and leaders.

Last year's graduating class got a little bit too wild; therefore, some strict guidelines were laid down. First of all, there was a dress code. The guys had to wear dress pants, a shirt with a collar, socks, and dress shoes. The girls were either required to wear a dress, or a skirt or or dress pants with a blouse. Next, the traditional throwing of your graduation caps was to be postponed until everyone walked down to the end of the field. This was because some people thought this might be too disruptive in front of the audience.

Still there was more. When the graduates would walk up one by one to receive their diplomas, they would all be handed empty folders. This was the administrations last attempt to ensure that there would be no misbehaving (beach balls, water guns, fireworks, etc.). There would even be a survelance camera to make sure of this. Then, if all went well, diplomas would be distributed after the ceremony in the field house.

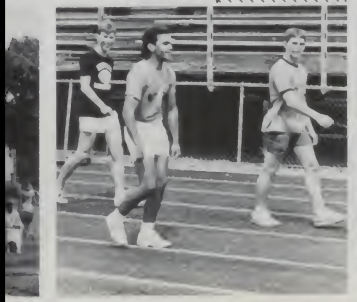
Well, despite of all this, the sixty-fifth annual baccalaureate and commencement took place on Sunday, June 4, 1989 at 3:00 p.m., with almost everyone attending. The good weather allowed it to be held outside on the football field.

The childhood dream of walking out on the track, with all your friends and in front of your family, wearing your cap and gown then became a reality for the class of 1989.

After the processional played by G.H.S's symphonic band, the invocation was given by Pastor Steve Gilbert of the Griffith Church of God. Then another song played by the band, inlcuding the graduating band members, preceeded Gilbert's Baccalaureate speech. Following this were the speeches by the salutatorian, Heather Garvey; the valedictorian, Lyzette Leal; and the senior class president, Desa Stepanovich.

The presentation of the class was by principal, Samuel Cox, and the presentation of "diplomas" was by superintendent, Robert Kurtz. Last was the benediction by Gilbert and the recessional by the band.

Everything went well and as planned just as our administrators had hoped (except no one threw their caps because of a misunderstanding of when to to do it). We all survived the hot weather.



These guys finally found a way to get out of class and not get in trouble for it! All seniors were excused from their third and fourth hours classes to go out on the football field and practice for graduation.

As they announced his name, senior Ed Wisinski waves his cap to the crowd after it fell off of his head and landed on the stage. Almost everyone will always remember when it was their turn to walk up there.

# ABC'S AND 123'S

What do fieldtrips, commercials, baby plants, pinatas, mock trials, share thoughts, Elizabethan feasts, fetal pigs, and sandwich labs have to do with academics?

These are just a few examples of the out-of-the-ordinary things that teachers do with their classes. Activities like these help to break the monotony of taking lecture notes and reading textbooks. Most students will agree that these activities are a welcomed change from the usual every day routine.

Junior Gina Ortiz said, "During the second nine weeks (of adult prep) everyone gets a plant to care for as if it were a real baby. Also, the girls have to change tires and the guys have to iron shirts. I think it's easier to learn through experience than by reading a textbook."

Junior Lisa Segally said, "Doing share thoughts is a good way to get your feelings out in the open and a chance to get help with problems. It's also nice to unwind after a long week."

Computers have also played an important part in academics. In addition to all the computers in the library, computer labs, and programming classrooms, computers can also be found in every math teacher's classroom and the J-Room. The school newspaper and parts of the yearbook are even being done on computers.

Lectures, plus notes, plus activities, plus computers, plus homework, plus studying, plus quizes, plus tests, all add up to equal academics. There's a lot more involved in this equation than just ABC'S and 123'S.

**HOMEWORK + STUDYING + TESTS =**

Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of sole proprietorships verses partnerships, and corporations verses co-ops, Senior Bruce Moe writes down his group's opinions. Mr. Bill Birk stands behind listening to what the group has to say

Senior Toni Morrison smiles as she finds the organ she's been looking for in her fetal pig. The Biology 3-4 classes spend about four to five weeks studying the pig to get a better look of how the human body functions.

While preparing for the upcoming chemistry lab Senior Doug Keen and Junior Ken Krick weigh out their reactants on the analytical balance

# ACADEMICS

# Child's Play

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Mrs. Iona Glassford

"When am I ever going to use this in the future?" is a familiar phrase heard in the classroom while students struggle over a history or chemistry assignment. It's sometimes hard to understand what certain subjects will do for them when they're out in the real world.

Child Development, however, is a course taken especially to prepare students for raising their own families. The semester course covers prenatal growth, as well as the birthing process and the development of children to age 6. Topics such as behavior, discipline, and emotions are studied. The class is conducted in a rather carefree manner with a lot of open discussion.

In order to get a hands-on idea of child care, Mrs. Iona Glassford, instructor, along with class members organize activities such as a visit to Saint Margaret's Hospital's maternity ward. At the hospital students are able to see the different forms of delivery such as the ABC (alternative birthing concept) room and birthing chair. Viewing the newborns was an extra treat for the students.

La Leche League, a breastfeeding orginization, also has members come to the class and explain the advantages and disadvantages of breastfeeding. Members allow curious students to ask questions and to discuss different methods and facts.

A highlight of the semester is when students bring in children for an hour-long "nursery school." The first group of children are the newborn through one year olds. On that day, the children are observed by the students. They take notice of

"Stay in the lines!" says senior John Yonan while assisting a two-year old with her coloring. Having a nursery school was just one of many extra activities done with his Child Development class.

how young children react to new surroundings and people.

"Having the kids in here is definitely an experience. Being around them is a lot of fun. It gives me a chance to play too!" said senior Craig Finch.

Obviously, there are other reasons to take the course. Paula Mangrum, junior, said, "My counselor thought it would be a good idea to take the class since I have a child of my own."

Junior Wendy Spencer, commented, "I took the class because I wanted to learn the responsibilities and rewards of being a parent. I'm learning more about children's personalities and behavior."

Some people may think that the class is open to only girls, but this isn't true. Parenting is a shared responsibility that should be learned by both girls and guys.

Glassford said, "Believe it or not, this is the largest number of guys I've had!"

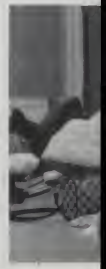
Senior John Yonan said, "I don't want to grow up not knowing what to do with my kids when I have them. By taking this class, I'll be ready."

Students can prepare for children hands-on with the nursery school day. Mrs. Glassford said, "I feel you need to do more than just read about children. You need to actually see how children behave first hand. The nurserys have always worked out well. It's good to get away from books and learn from watching."

In the two and three yr. olds' nursery school, student organize games and activities such as coloring, stringing noodle necklaces and in the four-five year olds' nursery school, more organized games can be played such as duck-duck-goose.

Students learn about children's attention spans and at the same time they plan a nursery school day. For example, a year old baby can't do any organized activity. It was found out that these children can't even play together, only "next to each other." At the same time, a two year old can't play duck-duck-goose hide-and-seek because their attention span is too short. Students learn how to keep a child occupied according to their mental ability.

Mrs. Glassford sums it up in this way, "Kids come in with no guarantees. It's good to know how to handle them the right way-with the right kind of discipline and a lot of love."



Junior Melissa Morris gives her niece, Lauren, a treat. Students learned that giving rewards for good behavior is important in a child's early life.

Mrs. Iona Glassford discusses plans for her Child Development class' nursery school. This was just one of many extra activities done in the class. Students Found Children Wasn't As Easy As It Appeared.

All smiles. Junior Lesley Stupeck entertains a little one during a nursery school. However, the baby seems more interested in the photographer taking their picture.

Mrs. Iona Glassford, Child Development teacher, explains the keys of good parenting to junior Barbie Gal. Child Development prepares students for their future as parents.

# Choices Vary

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- Junior Joe Sainato

"English isn't the easiest subject for me. I'm glad we have a choice in the class we decide to take," said senior Renee Baldwin. Griffith High's English Department offers a wide variety of English courses, which enable all students to choose the courses they feel suit them best. Since English is a required course, it's good for a student to be able to pick a class that interests them. This way, they're more likely to do well. Griffith offers classes such as grammar, journalism, English Novel, Drama, literature, and different levels of composition.

But, doesn't the day to day routine get monatanous? The vocabulary lists and worksheets tend to get 'old' after a while. Students and teachers may sometimes try and think of things to give the class more life.

"My English Novel and Drama class brought up the idea of having a party," said Mrs. Sharon Smith. When I refused they came up with the idea of having an Elizabethan feast. I told them that if they did some research and came up with a menu, I'd go along with it."

"I liked having the feast," said senior Cindy Campbell. "We learned a lot about Elizabethan times. The food was different, but pretty good!"

Smith said, "It's interesting because we served food such as roasted pig and capon, potatoes, bread, cheese, and fruit. Since Shakespeare ate and drank little, he probably wouldn't have attended a feast such as ours."

A highlight of the semester in composition classes is the writing of term papers. This, unlike other assignments can't just be 'blown off'. It's vital to a student's English grade. Senior Tricia Roach said, "Writing a term paper isn't hard, it's just very time consuming. It only gets difficult if you fall behind or wait until the last minute to get everything together. Then, you have to cram a month's work into a week. You more or less go crazy trying to finish it on time. It can really hurt your grade."

Senior Bill Berens does a demonstration for his speech class. In speech, students learn to speak in front of large groups of people. According to these students, it's not as easy as it appears.

"I took practical composition because I didn't want to write a term paper," said senior Tammy Hageman. "I'm not good at research. I'm glad I had a choice between beginning and practical composition!"

Mr. Ray Christensen, a new comer to GHS this year, believes English benefits students not only academically, but also personally. "English reaches the emotional side of the human personality. The student can get in touch with their own personal feelings and attitudes about various aspects of life," said Christensen.

Journalism I is a course that substitutes for a regular English class. In Journalism I, students learn about advertising, mass media, Journalism laws and ethics, interviewing, newswriting, design and graphics. This class is a prerequisite for any student publications (Panther Press or Reflector staff).

One of the first activities done in Journalism classes is a sandwich lab. Students bring in a sandwich of their choice and set it on a table with an evaluation sheet. Every one in the class evaluates each sandwich on appearance. They rate them as ideal, pretty good, neutral, unattractive and awful. Students found that the most attractive sandwich isn't necessarily the best. Just like in the media, the best produced movie may not be the most popular in the eyes of the public. In the case of the sandwich lab, peanut butter and jelly usually rates as "unattractive" or "awful," but peanut butter and jelly is a lot of people's favorite.

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King Gene. Junior Gene Jordan is served by Mrs. Sharon Smith for the English Novel and Drama class' Elizabethan feast, which was held in his honor. The class learned a lot about the Shakespearean Era with this activity.

Junior Bill Cox checks out the sandwiches in the sandwich lab in journalism-one. The lab allows students to rate sandwiches on their appearance. This activity illustrates ideas of appearance and favoritism in the media.

Senior Jeff Strack uses a magazine for an illustration with his speech. In this course, students are required to present several speeches as a requirement for passing the class.

Sophomore Eric Woodard writes down facts to remember about the novel he's reading in his Sophomore English class. Taking good notes is sometimes crucial to a student's grade.

# Mind Games

"If a student cheats on a test, the punishment is more severe than if they cheated on homework, However, it bothers me that many students' feel it is okay to copy homework and turn it in as his or her own work. My policy is if you cheat, you fail. No questions asked. I feel that for many students cheating is a way of life."

Mr. Ray Weaver

To cheat, or not to cheat-that is the question for many Griffith students.

Senior Becki Baker commented, "I don't think cheating is as unfair to me as it is to the people who are cheating. Even if they get a better grade than me, I will have learned more than they have, and I've be able to retain what I've studied. They won't get as much out of it, they're really only cheating themselves."

Junior Tera Braddam said, "Everyone cheats. Some people get mad when other people cheat, but those same people probably have cheated too, at one time or another."

How do people cheat? Is it really that easy? Braddam said, "I usually use a cheat sheet, but sometimes I leave my notes under my desk. If I need some answers, they're right there. I've never been caught; I'm sly!"

"I got caught cheating at my old school," said senior Dan Zarndt. "I just got an 'F' for the assignment. I probably would have gotten an 'F' anyway, so it didn't really make a difference."

Do teachers really care? Senior Desa Stepanovich said, "I think teachers let the little things slide; like homework, but I think they care when people cheat on tests."

An anonymous junior stated, "If I don't study for a test, I know I can still pass because I know I can cheat. I'm totally in favor of it!"

For the non-cheaters, cheating is a very big issue. "I think it (cheating) is pretty lame," said senior Beth Galinski. "People who study get hurt, especially if the grade is set on a curve. Even if I could get away with it I wouldn't do it. My diploma would mean nothing to me. I don't cheat off of other people, and I don't let them cheat off me. I just don't think it's right."


A "handy" trick. When a student gets a hold of a key, it's hard to resist keeping the answers for their own use. This form of cheating is one of the easiest and most popular methods that exists.

To other people, cheating is really no big deal. Senior Dave Nichols said, "It doesn't matter to me when people cheat, I mean-everyone has been doing it forever, it's not going to stop."

True, cheating has existed forever, in one form or another. Over the years, many "cheating" techniques have been dreamed up. Cheating techniques range from the infamous "writing on the hand trick" or the "writing on the bottom of the shoe" trick, to more complicated forms of cheating such as a "mini-cheat sheet attached to a string under a shirt sleeve." If the teacher comes by, pull the string from the other side and, the cheat sheet goes up the sleeve. Although this form takes more effort and preparation than the more simple forms of cheating. Many students feel it's efficient. An anonymous senior said, "in one of my classes, my lab partner and I used hand signals."

"Everyone cheats! It's hard not to. There are always situations you run into when you haven't done your homework for one reason or another and it would be so much easier just to copy it rather than take a zero on the paper. Cheating on tests is a little different. You look off of someone's paper to get a few answers; that is reasonable. But, to totally not study and copy all the answers, and then get a better grade than some people who did study, that bothers me. Cheating has always been around and always will be. The person it only hurts is himself or herself and they know it." said an anonymous senior.

Mr. Ray Weaver, Spanish teacher, commented, "If a student cheats on a test, the punishment is more severe than if they cheated on homework. However, it bothers me that many students feel it's okay to copy homework and to turn it in as his or her own work. My policy is if you cheat, you fail. No questions asked. I feel that for many students cheating is a way of life. Cheating is okay because everyone else is doing it. No! Cheating is wrong. Two years ago, I failed a student for the entire semester because he cheated on the final exam. Therefore, the student lost his minor credit in Spanish as part of his graduation requirements."

Cheat sheets prove to be the most convenient source for this person who chose to reveal her identity. Students who use this method of cheating have to be careful to keep their cheat sheets out of sight from the teacher.

This cheating paraphenalia was found in a history class. It had all of the President's initials conveniently written on the pencil. However the trick backfired. The pencil is now out of circulation.

Risky Business. This student chose a rather clever and unique way of cheating. People go to great lengths to get out of studying for their tests.

This student proves that shoes were made for more than just keeping his feet warm. This particular form of cheating is more effective for the student next to the cheater.

# Rules Change

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Mrs. Janet Howell

"I hate that class! I need another credit to graduate with my class! That teacher cannot stand me! These are some very commong reasons students give for wanting a schedule change at the end of the first semester during every school year. Although there is a large number of students who request a change in their schedules, there are many different procedures that the students and Guidance Department must go through before getting the classes they want.

Mrs. Howell, a counselor at Griffith High School, explains the procedures the Guidance Department must go through to change a student's schedule. "First, we check to see if the student needs the change for graduation requirements. Next, we must go to the computer and make the change in three different places. Then, we print a new schedule and the last thing we do is change the overall schedule." Many people feel that getting a change is as easy as switching one class for another. Most students are not aware of the large number of kids that have the same idea as they do.

Approximately 145-150 changes were made in schedules just this school year alone. Junior Lisa Grubbs commented, "I didn't realize that there were that many changes each semester. Now it's easier to understand why they can't reschedule everyone."

How do the students feel about changing their schedules? While many feel that the procedure is difficult and confusing and sympathize with the Guidance Department, there are those who feel that no matter how difficult, any request for schedule change should be granted.

Junior Chris Doppler concentrates on making out his schedule. Choosing classes can be a hard decision. Trying to fulfill graduation requirements and finding classes you enjoy can be difficult.

This is what Senior Joel Krafft had to say after his request for a schedule change was refused. "I went down there to change and they said I didn't meet the requirements. It's my choice. I wasn't in the other class yet, so I didn't see any problem, but they did. Are they too lazy to change schedules? Isn't this kind of discriminating against kids who aren't flunking but still need a change?"

Should the policy be changed so that every request is guaranteed, or should Griffith High School keep the policy that they are now using? Junior Chris Doppler says, "I feel that the policy needs to be changed so more students than those flunking can have a change. Maybe they could start changing schedules earlier."

Everybody has their own opinion about the schedule changing policy, but most people agree on one thing. Changing a schedule is not as easy as it may seem to be. It involves a lot of work by the Guidance Department and a lot of negotiating by the students. Every student would like to get into all the classes of their choice. Sometimes it just can't be done. Meeting the credit requirements of the high school is a primary concern of the counselors and the students. After all, graduation is the goal.

Senior Susan Kwasny discusses her schedule with Mrs. Lazar. Many students are called into Guidance in order to get problems with schedules straightened out.

Junior Colleen Dangelo watches closely as her counselor types schedules into the computer. When a student needs a schedule change, Guidance must go into the computer and make several changes.

Junior Lela Tauber reads the information posted in the Guidance Office. School news, events and calendars are often posted for the students to read.

I can't believe I have that class! Junior Mary Tingley and many other students sometimes find it necessary to check their schedules at the start of a new semester.

# Movin' Up

"If I went away to college, I don't think I'd get much studying done because there would be so many other things going on. You can learn to be independent at college, but it seems that a lot of times, people take advantage of the freedom. It's almost as if you have too much independence."
-Senior Tricia Roach

Graduation signifies the end of one stage of life and the beginning of another. It's a time when everyone says good-bye to high school, but not everyone says good-bye to school forever - not by a long shot. These are the students who are continuing their education at college.

Senior, Dawn Brown said, "I can't wait to go to college. I want to join a sorority. Also, it will teach me to be independent from my family."

Senior, Tricia Roach commented, "I think that going away to college would be a good experience. It would teach you responsibility and independence."

Selecting a college to attend is a long and involved process. The beginning of senior year, students receive mail from colleges almost everyday. Kevin Steinert said, "I get tons of mail from colleges, sometimes three or four letters at a time."

A big part of selecting a college to attend is the expense. "I'm going to a local college for my first two years," said senior, Dave Nichols. "It's less expensive and I can get a solid background. After my first two years, I'll go down state though."

Another big part of entering a college is taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). These scores aren't the only things that colleges look at, but the SAT is still very important. Mr. Dick Reyome, Career Preparation teacher said, "SAT's are the determining factor when it comes to scholarships, honors classes and gives a generalization of how you'll succeed in college. The first thing a college recruiter will ask is 'What's your SAT score?'"

Senior Jeff Strack said, "I'm going to IU Bloomington to study business. I want to get out of the house, plus my parents are making me go away."

Senior Tom Zapinski displays his college preference by wearing a college sweatshirt. It is typical to see many college-bound students wearing this type of clothing almost every day here at Griffith.

Not everyone's parents want to send their son or daughter away for his or her first year. Senior Adrienne Companik commented, "I'm going to school here for my first year. My mom thought it was a good idea."

Senior Tammy Hageman said, "I hope to get a secretarial job right out of high school. If I need more training then maybe I'll go somewhere like Sawyer Business College."

Some people may have to hold a job while going to college. Roach said, "I'm going to Purdue Calumet to study obstetrics, which is going to be difficult. Besides that, I have to hold a job and that's going to make it even harder. It's a good experience though. I may as well get used to working. I have a lot of working years ahead of me."

Senior Renee Baldwin commented, "I have to work because I have to help pay for my college tuition."

Going away to college does have its drawbacks too. Roach said, "If I went away to college, I don't think that I'd get much studying done because there would be so many other things going on. You can learn to be independent at college, but it seems that a lot of times people take advantage of the independence. It's almost like you have too much freedom. You don't have your mom and dad on your back all the time to push you to study."

"I want to go away to college to IU Bloomington to pursue a career in becoming a criminal lawyer. I know all the work that is ahead of me, but it will be worth it, it pays big bucks," said Steinert.

It's hard to believe that after thirteen years of school some people would want to go to school longer. But college is becoming an necessity for students to get ahead in the world and make more money by furthering their education.

Senior Mike Mostello checks out the college bulletin board. The bulletin board provides valuable information about college and trade schools. It is located across from the guidance office.

"Where should I go?" Senior Susan Kwasny reads information from her guidance counselor about colleges. Deciding a college in which to attend is a very important decision. Ideas from a guidance counselor or family can be very helpful.

Senior Sandy Pazera takes her SAT's. While many students feel SAT's aren't that important, SAT's are, in fact, a vital part of getting accepted into a college and placed into it's classes.

"I got in!" Senior Keith Galocy reads his acceptance letter from Indiana University Bloomington. Getting accepted into a school is a very exciting moment for any college-bound senior.

# Pig Out

"I really enjoy biology. You can't help but to learn at least one thing when you leave the class. Everything is constantly repeated until it's pounded into everyone's head. Also there is a video for just about everything we go over - that means more time for me to sleep!
-Junior Tera Braddam

Flasks, chemicals, worms, frogs, and microscopes make up a familiar scenario at Griffith. All these items can be found in the science department. The science department is made up of biology classes, both basic and advanced, chemistry, and physics.

"I really enjoy biology. You can't help but to learn at least one thing when you leave the class. Everything is constantly repeated until it's pounded into everyone's head. Also, there is a video for just about everything we go over, that means more time for me to sleep! But I've probably learned more in biology than I have in any of my classes all year. I hate the homework! Almost every night of the school week, a person can plan on taking home the biology binder. Also, plan on going 90 m.p.h. when taking notes. They do not take a break. The worst was sticking my hand in a jar of dead segmented worms and arthropods and laying them out on a tray. The smell was not pleasant!" said junior Tera Braddam.

Senior Deanne Tanis commented, "I took chemistry, The unknowns are a major factor in that class. They can make the class a blast if you understand them, but if you don't, it can be very frustrating."

Senior Desa Stepanovich added, "I took chemistry and it was pretty hard, but I really learned a lot."

The biology and chemistry students do a lot of work in their classes. Biology students make a diagram of the heart to explain the circulatory system. The best diagrams are put on display in the showcase in the main hallway.

Junior Marcie Dresbaugh mixes chemicals in an experiment for her chemistry class. Students are cautious and follow directions carefully under Mrs. Davis' close supervision

Disecting fetal pigs is a big project for the advanced biology students. While some students claimed they got 'grossed out' by the experiment others enjoyed it. Students are allowed to work at their own pace for this project.

Senior Alan Maugherman said, "I took chemistry. A lab science is required to get into most colleges."

An anonymous senior said, "Since I didn't take a lab science in high school, I have to take it in college without getting any credit for it. It's required for admission."

Junior Eric Fetsch said I took biology with Mrs. Beahm. All it was was work, work, work! I never got a chance to breathe in that class. We did any thing and everything- oral reports, disecting, worksheets, labs you name it, we did it. It was a lot of work. If you didn't keep up in that class, you were really in trouble. I managed to pull an 'A' in there though. The work you do pays off in the end."

Maugherman added, "Now I'm in Physics. We're trying to figure out what light really is by comparing it to different things. Right now we're using the slinkies and wave tanks to see if light might be a wave. We're doing experiments that compare how light behaves with how water waves behave to see if they're alike. It's a lot of fun and it's really interesting too. It's neat to be able to try out these experiments and see what we've studied."

Whether it be chemistry, biology, or physics, the science department offers good classes to prepare students for college. Tanis concluded, "Taking the science courses has helped me. Sometimes it gets to be difficult to understand everything, but if you really work at it, you should be o.k. I'm glad that I took chemistry. I know that what I've learned will help me in college science courses, which will pay off in the end."

Chemistry students work on experiments by mixing chemicals and testing acids and bases. During the experiments, students obey every rule and wear the proper safety equipment.

Mrs. Martha Davis explains diffraction to her chemistry class. Most students agree that chemistry is a difficult, but helpful subject especially for preparation of college science courses.

Mr. Howard Besch, chemistry and physics teacher looks over his class while grading papers. Experimenting with slinkies and water tanks are favorite activities of students in the physics course.

Senior Adam Smith disects his fetal pig for his advanced biology class. Students spend many weeks on this project, both in class and on their own time.

# Mock Trials

"Learning about social studies can be useful to us later on. In economics, we learn about the market and how money works and is used in our country. Learning about economics, government, and history gives us a better understanding of how the world was before."
-Senior Michelle Maglish

"I feel that studying economics is important because all of my students will have to be part of the economic world in the future. They need to be prepared to be wise consumers of economics," said Mr. Bill Birk, economics teacher.

The social studies department (history, economics, and government) helps students prepare for adult life and teaches them about past events.

"I feel it's important for students to learn about their heritage and the things that happened a long time ago," said Mr. Donald Ray, U.S. history and government teacher.

"I feel studying history helps you to know the place where you live. If you're going to live here, you should try to familiarize yourself with this country. There's so much to learn, sometimes it gets boring. Some topics are more interesting than others. It wouldn't be quite as boring if we didn't have to take so many years of it!" said senior Beth Galinski.

"History can be interesting if the time period being studied is interesting . . . My favorite time period is World War I. The only thing I hate is memorizing dates. It can be a real pain!" said junior Angie Clark.

Names, dates, events and places can really get confusing. Junior Carey Rockhill said, "There's a lot to learn and it's hard to memorize everything, but that's the only way to do it. I like history though. I think it's important for us to learn about our country."

Another important part of the social studies department are the government classes. Each year, the students from Mr. Jerry Gurrado's history and government classes are able to take an active part in the governmental process by working the polls. Gurrado said, "I feel working the polls helps the students learn more about the election. They become more aware of the voting process. I feel you need to get away from the day to day textbook routine. It's kind of like if you were in auto shop- you can't learn to do a tune-up by only reading a book. You need hands on experience."

Mr. Bill Birk, economics teacher explains the marketplace to his class. Economics is an important course for all seniors as completion and passing is a requirement for graduation in Indiana

Senior Michelle Maglish commented, "Learning about social studies can be useful to us later on. In economics, we learn about the market and how money works and is used in our country. Learning about economics, government, and history gives us a better understanding of how the world was before, how it is today, and how it may be tomorrow."

Senior Kevin Steinert said, "We had to make up our own government in Mr. Gurrado's class. We wrote our own constitution and everything. It was really interesting. It helped me better understand the U.S. government. Odarug was the name of our country. It's "Gurrado" spelled backwards. We did everything from thinking up laws to trying to pass them. There were a lot of arguments between everyone when we were making the laws. Sometimes it got frustrating because a good law would be proposed and someone would argue against it. Overall, it was really educational and a lot of fun."

"Sometimes it can get difficult to learn social studies, but the world is always changing and it's important to keep up with it. That's why I took Current Events. We learn about everything that's going on in the world," said senior Tricia Roach.

From history to economics and government and Current Events, the social studies department is an important and beneficial part of learning at Griffith High School.

Mr. Donald Ray, U.S. history and government teacher explains the duties of the president in his government class. U.S. history and government are required courses for all students in their junior and senior years.

Does anyone have any questions? Mr. Larry Owen, world history teacher, explains where Libya is on the map and the threat Khaddafi places on the United States.

Seniors Ryan Carrell, Rob Shinkle, and Nate Palkovich perform a mock trial in Mr. Ray's government class. The rest of the class acted as a jury.

Ugh! Not another report! Mr. Lee Thomas, U.S. history teacher assigns his students three reports for the nine weeks. Each student is required to complete a report each grading period.

# Fech Talks

"I'll never forget Griffith High School because it was my first experience in the teaching world. I might forget a name but I'll never forget the faces that used to greet me everyday.
Mr. Scott Fech

"Bonjour class."
"Bonjour Madame."
"Cava?" "Cava."

Every day, french class began in that fashion. This year it was a little different however for french students were not only saying bonjour to Madame but also to a Monsieur. Mr. Scott Fech arrived in January 1989.

The students were told last year that a student teacher might be coming but it wasn't definite. When Miss Weber announced to her classes it was for real, most students were anxious for his arrival. "When he first arrived he just sat in the back of the room and observed us, I guess he wanted to get to know us and our ways before he started to teach us." I think it was kind of like testing the water before jumping in. I personally was quite anxious for him to start teaching and so was the rest of the class." said junior Marcie Dresbaugh. "It wasn't like we were sick of Miss Weber because we weren't, but after having her for three years in a row, a change was welcomed." Mr. Fech was a breath of fresh air, he spoke his french differently than Madame which I think helped us in the long run.

Mr. Fech started teaching a little at a time. He gradually day by day, taught more and more until finally he took the classes over. He first started with the third and fourth years then went on into the first and second. "At the beginning Madame would teach us a part of a lesson then she would let Mr Fech finish it. During the middle of his stay, he started to teach us entirely on his own. Miss Weber would leave it up to him to give us our lessons and even give us tests and quizzes." said Junior Carrie Rockhill.

Deann Knezevich, senior, is listening to one of Miss Weber's famous stories. She tells them in french so listening to every word is more important than it is in English.

Mr. Fech attended college in Indiana and student teaching was part of a class. "For a first shot with no prior experience, I thought he did pretty well. Now that he's gone I miss him. We did have fun while he was here and we also learned a lot." said Senior Tammy Sands."

"What I remember most about him was the weird things we used to do in class like Goldilocks and the Three Bears in french with our own endings and singing Frere Jaques in rounds for Miss Weber," said junior Regina Haag. "We also learned a lot. It wasn't all ways fun. We worked a lot to keep up with him."

Mr. Fech ended his short stay right before spring break. "We threw him a party that was supposed to be a surprise and it ended up not to be but we had fun. It actually was kind of sad because he was leaving. Our class (the third year) bought him a pen that had Mr. Fech 88' engraved on it. It was funny because Miss Weber totally forgot he was here in 89 not 88," said junior Tera Braddam.

Miss Weber summed it all up in a few words, "He was our first student teacher and he set a very high standard for any others to come. He will be missed but most of all he will be remembered." Along the course of the year, Mr. Fech has come in quite often to visit his classes. He tells them how he is doing, what he has been doing and what ever other questions that the students might have. "I'll never forget Griffith High School because it was my first experience in the teaching world. I might forget a name but I'll never forget the faces that used to greet me everyday. In a way I feel that these kids taught me a thing or two instead of the other way around." said Mr. Fech. "I still get excited seeing him come in, He was a good friend to us. I wish he would teach at Griffith but he's not. I'll never forget him, he was one of those people that you never forget. We all wish him luck." said Junior Diane Kendall. She also adds, "He wasn't even a real teacher, but he was my favorite."

French student teacher Mr. Scott Fech and Miss Betty Weber are discussing the days lessons. The student teacher arrived in January 1989 and left right before spring break.

Sophomore Dana Anderson is intently listening to the conjugation of some french verbs. A foreign language takes almost total concentration.

To make learning french more fun, Miss Betty Weber uses the computer to quiz her students and sometimes herself with french games and quizzes. The students take a break from the books and watch the screen were the computer screen shows up.

A typical day in french class begins with Miss Weber saying Bonjour and having her students get any questions and stories out of the way.

# Real Preps

"Will you need a job? Will you have to fill out a job application? Will you have to type out a resume? Will you need to go on a job interview? If the answer to any one of these questions is 'yes' then you need to take Career Preparation!"

-Mr. Richard Reyome

Growing up and entering the real world is something everyone has to face. Two courses are offered at Griffith High School to prepare students for this time. These classes are Career Preparation and Preparation for Adult Living.

Junior Mari Ward commented, "I think Career Prep. is very interesting and educational. There are a lot of things you learn about your career and life. This class helps you to start thinking about the career that you are interested in while you're still in high school. This class helps you prepare for working life after high school."

Junior Ryan Staniszeski added, "Career Prep. is an interesting and helpful class. It will make you think about your future and make decisions. You learn about people, jobs, and job opportunities. It really helped me with my goals and values. The class is also really fun, and I would recommend it to anyone especially people who are unsure about their career."

Reyome said, "Career Prep helps Griffith High School students be ahead of all the other students in seeking employment. It's very beneficial and students enjoy the class. I don't understand why enrollment is down. I think that most students don't know what the class is all about."

"Will you need a job? Will you have to fill out a job application? Will you have to type out a resume? Will you need to go on a job interview? If the answer to any one of these questions is 'yes', then you need to take Career Preparation!" said Mr. Richard Reyome, Career Preparation teacher.

Mr. Richard Reyome, Career Preparation teacher grades papers from his classes. In addition to Career Preparation, Reyome is also the I.C.E. coordinator and the D.E.C.A. sponsor. All of these jobs keep Reyome an active teacher at G.H.S.

Preparation for Adult Living, more commonly referred to as Adult Prep., is another beneficial course.

Other classes teach things about human life, but I teach things about life as a human," said Mrs. Margie Keithley, Adult Prep. teacher.

Senior Deanne Tanis said, "Adult Prep. is very fun and interesting. There is a lot of note-taking though."

Keithley said, "In Adult Prep., students learn about personality development, decision-making, communication, family relationships, dating, marriage and divorce."

In Adult Preparation, students are involved in various projects. For instance, the boys in the class are required to iron a shirt and sew on a button. The girls are required to successfully change a car tire. Keithley said, "I like to touch on things that you don't learn in any other class. Changing a tire is something girls need to know how to do. For the guys, knowing how to iron a shirt and sew on a button will be beneficial to them when their moms aren't around to do it for them."

Tanis said, "I'd recommend Adult Prep. to anyone. It's fun and not too tough. We study things that are interesting and educational."

Keithley commented, "Generally my students are very receptive. They communicate their feelings to me and I also learn a lot from them. A lot of their actions teach me things that will make me a better parent. I really enjoy my classes, especially the classes with intelligent and witty people. I can't stand smart-alecs, and the people who sit around and do nothing. If students don't want to do anything, I recommend that they don't take Adult Prep. It makes me feel good when students come back after they've completed the class and tell me that Adult Prep. was helpful to them."

Reyome concluded, "I think that Career Preparation and Preparation for Adult Living are the most realistic classes in this school."

Junior Gina Ortiz gets put in a headlock while being instructed on self-defense in Adult Preparation. Officer Robert Segally came to the class to teach them helpful hints about how to protect themselves.

Junior Sherry Gunter displays her "Career Collage" done in Mr. Richard Reyome's Career Preparation class. The collage was done to illustrate each student's career using only pictures.

Senior John Yoran portrays the attacker in a demonstration of self-defense as explained by Officer Segally. Students had to pair up and] try each maneuver by themselves.

Seniors Donna Mirda and Ken Moore pair up to be the attacker and the victim while learning self-defense in Preparation for Adult Living conducted by Mrs. Margie Keithley.

Community Rallies

# For Aaron

"For the Love of Aaron" is the title of a campaign formed by the Let's Help Aaron" committee. The committee was formed by sixth grade students Sarah Shepperd, Lori Borders, and Josh Price from Franklin Elementary School. Franklin Principal Edward Skaggs and five parents are also on the committee.

The campaign was started to help the family of Aaron Eaton. Aaron would have been a sixth grader at Franklin, but he is now in Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. It is believed that Aaron was bitten by either a mosquito or a tick on August 11. He now has viral encephalitis, a disease that attacks the brain and the nervous system.

"The overwhelming support from the schools and the town is fantastic!" said Nancy Stout, Chairperson for the committee.

"Just to think that three of his classmates could generate all this love and support," said Mrs. Eaton "it just totally blows my mind!"


This "I helped Aaron" buttons was just one of the many fundraisers sponsored by friends of Aaron Eaton. The money would help to pay for his extensive hospital stay.

Windy Gallagher, 17, of Calumet High School was brutally murdered in October. Her killer is now standing trial. Wendy worked at the local McDonalds.

# Tragedy Solved

It was any other Tuesday in October, the sun was shining and students were getting ready for school. No one knew that this ordinary Tuesday would turn so tragic and be remembered in so many of our hearts.

On this day Windy Gallagher, a 17 year old junior from Calumet High School, was brutally murdered. She was found by her sister in the apartments where she and her family lived. There weren't any witnesses to the crime and only a few obscure clues, but by great coincidence the killer was found. A former resident of Griffith that moved to a town in Florida where a girl was murdered, noticed the similiarities and contacted the Griffith Police Dept.

Michael Lockhart was arrested and brought back to Lake County and is awaiting trial for the murder of Gallagher. He has made a request for a different attorney and also wants his trial in another county because he feels that there has been too much publicity and he wouldn't receive a fair trial.

Hopefully this situation has opened many eyes of the residents in this town and other neighboring towns also. Maybe we've learned that we can't be too careful but also to give a lending hand whenever possible, then hopefully Windy Gallagher wouldn't have died in vain.


# Sneers And Snickers Pay Off For Boylan

As senior J.J. Boylan walked down the halls of GHS one winter morning, giggles, stares outbursts of laughter, and lots of pointing followed him. "What's the commotion about?" one might ask.

A quick glance at the senior's, now grayish in color, bald head would answer that question. The next would be, "What happened? A cruel joke played at a party, a bet, a bad shaving accident?"

The answer: None of the above. Boylan's new do was to be accredited to his bit part as a skinhead in an upcoming movie, "The Package,"

All this came about when the senior received a call from Knutson Casting Co., to whom he had sent his resume, before Christmas break. They wanted to know if he would be willing to cut his hair really short for a small part. Boylan consented and his picture was sent off to be viewed by the director.

Senior J.J. Boylan will be seen in the upcoming movie "The Package" He had to shave his head in order to play in the movie. Boylan played in all of the high school productions.

After waiting approximately two months, Boylan received another call. This time they wanted to know if he could shave his head completely bald. After slight hesitation Boylan again agreed and the next weekend his hair was history.

The movie was filmed in Chicago and boasted stars such as Gene Hackmen, Tommy Lee Jones and Joanna Cassidy.

Most of the day of filming involving Boylan and the other seven neo-Nazi "skinheads" was spent in a room waiting. "When I got there that morning I was scared because I'd never done anything like this before. Then I met the other guys and they'd never done this either so I felt better." said Boylan.

Finally, they were asked to do some scenes. Boylan commented, "After meeting Hackmen I was nervous again because I knew he was a pro."

Now, while awaiting the release of the movie Boylan says, "That was a chance of a lifetime and I really enjoyed it."

# Brilliance And Glamour
## Bring Flo Jo Recognition

Who sports a lacy, one-legged track suit, long, styled hair, six inch carefully painted nails and is fast enough to take home three gold and one silver medal at one Olympic showing? Twenty eight year old Florence Griffith Joyner. Joyner wowed America during the 1988 Summer Olympics. She started running when she was only seven and has been getting better and better ever since.

Joyner won gold medals in the 100 meter dash, 400 meter relay, and 200 meter dash and took a silver in the 1600 meter relay. She was not even told that she would be on the 1600 meter relay team until days before the actual race. She did not participate in the trials of this race. Joyner was quoted as saying, "I felt that the silver was the special one because of the teams trust in giving me the chance. That silver is gold to me."

Besides stunning the people with her great speed at the Olympics, Joyner got just as much, if not more publicity because of the very unique suits she wore during the competition. Most athletes choose to wear the usual, but Florence Griffith Joyner dares to be different. She often runs races in lace outfits or homemade suits that have only one leg. While some feel that this is unnecessary and even showy, most feel that Joyner has proven her talent and has earned the right to wear anything she wants.

Florence Griffith Joyner shocked the world as she walked away from the Olympics with three gold medals and one silver medal. Her unique style of fashion also brought her a lot of attention and criticism

# Victims' Families Await Bundy's Death

Calm, cool, and collected, the 42 year old man talked as if he was the typical boy next door who took your daughter to the prom, when in actuality he led many young girls to their graves.

Theodore Bundy, a law school dropout, cleverly manipulated his victims as well as the nations judicial system. For ten years Bundy talked his way out of death. In the end, he scrambled for excuses to explain his violence. His pleas for insanity were ignored. He then used pornography as an explanation. Trying to be "a concerned citizen" Bundy warned others about the addiction to hard core pornography.

He had killed at least twenty girls possibly even forty or more. When his execution date was finally set and no appeals would be accepted, Bundy began confessing to numerous murders. It was his final attempt to prolong his long awaited execution. He was hoping authorities would want to know more about the murders he confessed. However, Bundy's luck had finally run out.

On the morning of Tuesday, January 31, 1989, nearly one thousand people gathered outside of the prison in Stark, Florida to await Bundy's death Shackled to two guards, he walked to the electric chair. In the split second that the switch was turned, many of the victims' families could finally be at peace with their child's death

Thousands of watts of voltage pass through this electric chair each time it's used. Mass murderer, Ted Bundy was sentenced to death in the electric chair.

After days of being trapped in ice three gray whales set off on their journey through the sea The whales received worldwide help and attention as they struggled for life

# Struggle For Survival
## Pays Off In The End

A heart wrenching struggle for survival touched millions of hearts and brought nations, as well as people, together. On October 7, 1988, three California gray whales found themselves trapped beneath ice 100 yards off the coast of Point Barrow, Alaska.

Evidently, the whales had waited too long before they started their winter migrations south. When the trio came up for air at a small breathing hole all they found were miles of ice surrounding them, and growing fast. When the whales were spotted, they were reported to wild life officials. Soon, the community was working frantically to keep ice from forming over the whales' breathing hole.

Next came pleas for help on the evening news. As the nation became aware of this fight for life, people eagerly pitched in.

The huge oil company, Veco, Inc., responded immediately by sending their ice breaking ship. Heliocopters were used to drop huge weights that were used to break open a series of breathing holes in the ice.

Unexpected help was also given by the Soviet Union. After hearing about the whales, the Soviets volunteered two of their icebreakers.

After finally clearing the path the whales began moving towards the open sea. Unfortunately, the smallest of the whales disappeared under the ice and didn't resurface.

But all the combined effort and hard work payed off in saving the lives of two whales.

Death Leaves Athina

# Motherless

Too young to understand, the three year old Athina Onassis carried on life as usual only now it would be spent with her father.

The young heiress was left to live with her playboy father, Thierry Roussel after her mother, Christina, died of an accidental overdose of diet pills. Athina was left with family, friends, and trustees all trying to protect her and her fortune. She's said to be the richest little girl in the world. She's heir to $500 million, five homes, and two petting zoos.

Close relatives were concerned when she was left in the care of her father. However his feelings for Athina are sincere unlike those he felt for her mother, Christina.

Many people around the world are wondering if Athina will suffer from the same unhappiness that her mother did. Hopefully this Onassis child will overcome her almost certain fate.

Three year old Athina is left to be raised by her father after her mother, Christina, dies. She is expected to be the richest little girl in the world. Many wonder if she will overcome the Onassis' curse.

# Election Talk

1988 was an important year for politics. We elected one third of the Senate, the entire House of Representatives and numerous Senate and local government officials, but the most important election was that of the President of the United States.

January 20, 1989 former Vice-President George Bush was sworn in as President following his victory over the Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis in the November election. To some this means the continuation of the past eight years of Reagan conservatism, but others see George Bush as a President for the 90's. Whatever the case, he is sure to have a large impact on our lives.

President Bush claims he wants to be the education president, tough on the drug situation, have a strong defense and lead the way to a kinder, gentler America. This seems to be a lot to promise but with four years in the most powerful position in the world, who knows what can happen. If all of Mr. Bush's promises were to come to pass America might be a better place.

With the President, of course, comes a Vice-president. Indiana's own Dan Quale was chosen and elected to be the Vice-president. Vice-president Quayle became the focus of every comedians' jokes. Wouldn't it be really funny if the joke was on us?

We really did it! Vice-president Quayle congratulates President Bush on their victory in the November election. The two men have four hard years ahead of them.

# IN ADDITION

Who decorated lockers, painted town windows, collected money for Aaron Eaton, bowled a strike, and donated blood in a single year? If you guessed the clubs and organizations of our school, you were correct.

Numerous hours were spent before and after school hammering out ideas and plans for dances, boosters and services. Some actually enjoy staying after school. Senior Michelle Maglish commented, "I don't mind it. I have nothing better to do and I usually have fun at practice."

Each club usually tries to come up with their own unique ideas for a fundraiser. Pantherettes had a kiddie cheerleading camp. The kids who participated received a t-shirt and little pom poms. This fundraiser was a little more complicated because the pantherettes were dealing with children. "I thought it was kind of hard because they (the kids) weren't cooperative." said Maglish.

However not all the projects that were done were for the financial benefit of the group but for others. One such fundraiser was for Aaron Eaton, the Franklin school child who had been infected with viral encephalitus. Donations wrer collected during first hour. Those who donated received an "I Helped Aaron" button. Several professional athletes from Chicago participated in a benefit basketball game for Aaron, too.

All the work done by students and staff added up to a successful year at GHS.

**TIME + EFFORT + ACTION =**

1, 2, 3, down. Senior Michelle Maglish prepares her squad for a routine during one of the pep rallies for Homecoming. Pantherettes had to give up a lot of time after school for practices.

You know the answer! Come on, think Derek. Mrs. Dian Reyome quizzes senior Derek Tucker on his material th for the D.E.C.A. competitions. D.E.C.A. attended a state competition down in Indianapolis

Does it go right here? Junior C[illegible] Roye donates a dollar to the Aaron Eaton fu[illegible] J[illegible] Students really showed how much they cared this year.

# ORGANIZATIONS

Senior Class Council, Back Row: Becky Baker, Ryan Carrell, Tricia Roach. Third Row: Denise Hochstetler, Stacy Baker, Denise Guevera, Deann Knezevich, Lyzette Leal. Second Row: Keith Miller, Deanne Tanis, Mary Hoffman, Desa Stephanovich, Jeff Strack. Front Row: Alan Maugherman, Toni Morrison, Paula Christenson, John Aldrin

Junior Class Council, Back Row: Jenniter Stokes, Lori Russell, Colleen Dangelo, Kylee McClellan. Middle Row: Pam Muha, Pam Wilflong, Christine Roye, Jennifer Bednar. Front Row: Chris Hawkins, Matt Galocy, Mike Lake, Todd Hoot, Matt Lake

Sophomore Class Council, Back Row: Chad Aldrin, Mike Hipp, Matt Marcus, Wayne Hardin. Middle Row: Dana Anderson, Alicia Raketich, Laura Shoulders. Front Row: Amy Floyd, Kelly Ford

# COUNCIL ACTION

Do you like politics and planning? If so, student council might be for you. How do you get involved in council? Well, first you must have a paper signed by twenty-five students and three teachers. Then elections are held in the spring time and members are elected to their positions by popular vote.

The student government also consists of three executive councils along with the senior, junior, and sophomore councils. They meet several times a year to discuss the event of which they are in charge. The senior council is in charge of the Homecoming dance. They decide on theme, spirit days, and the games of activities night. Their most important event, though, is planning graduation. For the junior council, Prom is the main event, and for the sophomore council, it is Turnabout.

Many fundraisers are held throughout the year. The biggest for the council are the santa grams. "I think that the Santa grams were a good way to make money for the council because they aren't very expensive so you can buy a lot at a time, plus everyone wants to send them to their friends to get some for themselves and to get the candy cane that always comes with." said senior Mike Lake.

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*Senior Desa Stepanovich*

The council also sponsors a food drive during Christmas time. The food is given to Griffith's needy families. "We had a major accomplishment this year; we got the school to install a juice machine. I'm glad because it feels like we do actually have a voice in the student body and we can be heard and make a difference." said senior Desa Stephonovich. Junior Chris Hawkins was in the Junior council but was later dropped because of missing three meetings. "I joined council at the beginning of the year, I went through all the paper signing and the elections. I finally got in but I missed all the meetings this is to prove council is not just a walk-in club, you don't pay dues and get your picture in the yearbook. It's much more than that. It takes a lot of time and energy and if you mess up you are out." Most students will agree that they would like more students to get involved in government. There are elected offices such as president, treasurer and secretary, but you can also be a part of the basic group called representatives. They do exactly that, represent the student body.

Junior Kylee McClellen speaks her mind at a student council meeting. Every student has an opportunity to say what they believe.

Juniors Mark Lesniak, Ryan Davis, and Greg Rowe watch their speaker and look at their notes. Meetings were held to discuss such things as Prom decorations.

Junior Collen Dangelo looks at the back ground for this years prom. Hmm. I'll vote for this one. Junior student council is in charge of prom preparations.

# IT'S AN HONOR!

*"To be in Honor Society is an actual honor, contrary to belief, its not all academics."*
*Junior Kris Sutkowski*

"To be an Honor Society member is (to me) an actual honor. Contrary to belief, it is not all academics. Leadership and other qualities prove that and those are needed to become a member." junior Kristine Sutkowski also adds, "Although it does look good on a college application, that is not the reason why I'm in it "I like being considered part of the 'top of the class'." Lisa Segally, also a junior, adds, "You are recognized as a smart student and it will benefit me for college purposes." Marcie Dresbaugh said, "Honor Society is based on a 3.4 grade average which means you must have that average or higher to get accepted. Even if you do have that grade average you are not guaranteed a place in Honor Society. To put in plainly, it is not just a walk in club." Every year Honor Society sponsors a blood drive. This year's was held March 9 in the fieldhouse. According to Mrs. Cynthia Spewjewski, Honor Society is required to de a service project during the year. Quite a while ago Honor Society chose to do the blood drive and we have been doing it annually ever since. I would like to do more projects but now it's the blood drive."

Quill and Scroll is, "Basically an Honor Society for journalists." said senior Amy Bohney who is the club's vice-president. Quill and Scroll is the creme de la creme of the publications staff. *(Panther Press* and *Reflector)* The students in Quill and Scroll are those who have made exceptional contributions to either the yearbook or the newspaper. You first must get through Journalism I then be accepted into either staff. After that it is then up to you to do your best. Quill and Scroll recognizes outstanding students in the field of Journalism just as Honor Society recognizes them academically or as the the Varsity Club does athletically. Honor Society and Quill and Scroll members constantly on the go in order to keep their grades up and they are always expected to do their best. Debbie Miller, junior, explains her viewpoint, "Sometimes teachers and even students expect you to constantly do well. They get more disappointed with an honor student who gets a "C" then with a regular student who gets a "D". A's aren't for everyone, they take work to achieve, but they are expected of

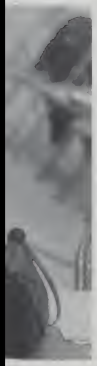
Hey! Wait a minute! I thought I was going to give blood today, not get my ear pierced. Senior Joe Peters gets his blood checked by a nurse before donating it for Honor Society's blood drive which was held March 9.

Seniors John Yonan and Mary Hoffman keep an eye on each other. While giving blood someone watched over the donors in case of an emergency or just for comfort

Honor Society member Deanne Knezevich is taking down student and donor information for the blood drive. As a member, she volunteered her day in order to help things move along.

Honor Society. Back row: Ryan Carrell, Deann Knezevich, Amy Bohney, Mike Lake Stacy Baker, Kris Sutkowski, Second row: Heather Garvey, Marcie Dresbaugh, Dan Dewar, Lisa Segally, Deanne Tanis, Mary Hoffman, Jenny Stokes, Alan Maugherman Chris Hawkins, Front row: Christine Roye, Kylee McLellan, Debbie Miller, Chris Broeiman, Lyzette Leal, Lori Russell, Pam Muha, Pam Wittfong, Mrs. Cynthia Spewywski.

Varsity club. Back row: Wendy Mares, Jenniger Bednar, Jeyme Davis, Sue Kwasny, Becki Baker, Branko Stepanovich Mary Hoffman, Bratt Zebek, Phil Kalona, Marilyn Marszalek, Deanne Tanis, Denise Hochstetler, Tricia McGuire, Second row: Heather Grabowski, Pam Wittfong, Pam Muha, Kathy Lach, Tracy Zebracki, Joe Sanato, Paula Christenson, Toni Morrison, Lyzetta Leal, Julie Planer, Amy Bohney, Deann Knezevich, Lisa Grubbs, Third row: Stacy Baker, Andy Huss, Earl Schreiber, Mark Osmulski, Ryan Staniszeski, Cincy Campbell, Kevin Lee, Alan Maugherman, Ryan Carrell, Fourth row: Julie Palmer row: Julie Palmer, Gojko Cuzuz, Ken Moore, Rob Shinkle, Joe Powers, Ryan Davis, Chris Galambos, Julie Hedges, Tammy Whitfield, Christine Roye, Michelle Castillo, Fifth row: Mike Patterson Mike Steele, Dan Dewar, Brian Sweeney Matthew Fingar, Darren Anderson, Scott Patika, Derek Tucker, Brad Steepleton, Mark Anderson, John Mowery, Troy Towson, Sixth row: Lonnie Byrd, Joe Nichols, John O'Connell, Tom Zapinski, Keith Miller, Ed Sengig, James Sanders, Mike Rakstich Gene Jordan, Mike Dorelli, Sean Farley.



Quill and Scroll: Back row: Miss Julie Marcinek, Mark Osmulski, Lori Russell, Sue Hickey, Front row: Dave Nichols, Lyzette Leal, Toni Morrison, Amy Bohney, Julie Planer.

Boys and Girls State: First row: Mary Hoffman, Lyzette Leal, Second row: Amy Bohney, Dale Verkuilen, Deanne Tanis, Tom Zapinski, Dan Leslie, Back row: Stacy Baker, Deann Knezevich, Scott Johnston, Keith Miller.

DECA

Back row: Chris Galambos, John Jordan, Joe Peters, Joe Biancardi, Brett Zabek Fifth row: Michelle Martin, Stacy Mahns, Priscila Polatewicz, Dale Verkuilen, Michelle Spohn, Kristen Reyome, John Jacobs Fourth row: Debbie Dominguez, Carrie Redmon, Jamie Crute, Rob Shinkle, Jodi Meadows, Bill Berens, Jim Schuhrke Third row: Mr. Reyome, Kelli Wilkey, Jeanieane Scheeringa, Dawna Tomich, Laura Covarrubias, Kevin Tucker, Tim Dutkewicz Second row: Sheri Gunter, Renee Baldwin, Janel Martin, Missy Lee, Karen Parsons, Paula Gilbert First row: John Swienconek, Rob Szymanski, Carl Doppler, Dan Shadwell, Dave Pogue, John Garcia


Regional Winners

Back row: Michelle Martin, Janie Martin, Kevin Tucker, Chris Galambos, Dale Verkuilen, Kristen Reyome First Row: Lisa Morris, Jodi Meadows, Bonita Hennagir, Kelli Wilkey.

# GOING PLACES

Mr. Reyome sells candy for DECA to a student in between classes. Students often buy candy from the DECA room to satisfy the hunger pains that grab them before and after lunch.

Distibutive Education Clubs of America. That's the rather elongated name for the club we'd rather refer to as DECA. Deca is the club that is open to all students who are enrolled in the career prep, marketing keting, and I.C.E. classes. There are a total of 44 students in DECA and it is headed by Mr. Reyome.

Throughout the year, DECA participated in a variety of activities. Those activities vary from a truck decorated with black and gold balloons and streamers for the Homecoming parade to a regional and state DECA competition. DECA has sponsored the selling of sweet-o-grams, boxes of candy, Reader's Digests, and chamoes.

Students take DECA for different reasons. Some because it's required for I.C.E., some take it because they want to learn how to handle themselves on an interview or on the job. "It (DECA) helps students to learn to work together to achieve goals, not only for themselves, but also for the good of others. It aids the students to gain self-confidence through DECA competitions and to be responsible through fund raisers and civic projects." said the head of DECA, Mr. Dick Reyome.

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Senior Camie Redmon said, "I took DECA because it was required to be taken if I wanted to be in I.C.E. Plus I wanted to. It's a good class. It teaches you responsiblity and how to make goals for yourself."

Senior Karen Parsons said, "I to took it because I wanted to be in something I was good at. Anyone who wants to be to be in DECA has to work hard if you expect to learn anything because you only get out of it what you put into it. From being in DECA, I've learned how to deal with th people, how to compete, how to work out human relations problems and how to get jobs and keep them.

DECA provides preparation for every aspect of business, marketing, financing, retailing, job interviews, sales, advertising, and economics. Senior Derek Tucker learned, that Mr. Reyome is an easy-going guy and probably wouldn't mind if the whole school joined DECA. I don't understand why people don't join DECA. There are so many people who are going into business colleges that DECA would be an excellent preparation for the business world. DECA needs more of the hard-working students that GHS has."

During the Christmas season, DECA came up with an idea for a care tree. Students and faculty signed up to buy gifts for needy boys and girls. The project was a hit.

Mr. Reyome, head of the GHS chapter of DECA, informs students of rules and regulations during their stay in Indianapolis. DECA went to Indianapolis for state competitions.


Seniors Janel Martin and Jamie Crute toss candy into the crowd during the Homecoming parade. Many students decorated trucks and cars with balloons, posters and streamers.

Concert Band: Back Row: Keith Miller, Chris Swatts, Scott Patka, Aron Schurhke, Tom Zapinski, Bill Markve, Joe Last, Jason Anderson, Fifth Row: Brian Schultze, Mike Stucky, David Comer, Bob Tully, Eric Messmer, Dave Thompson, Fourth Row: Tim Dickens, Chris Doppler, Veronica Zakrzewski, Tom Grisafi, Andrew Lane, Paul Burdsal, Ann Barenie, Tim Gatlin Row Three: Dawn Redmon, Bobbie Peters, Chris Broelman, Rick Sell, Mike Mauch, Amy McDonnell, Robin Guziki, Stacy Goff, Ray Webb, Row Two: Tim Garvey, Steve Fields, Dan Broelmann, Nick Stur, Dan Dewar, Dawn Deganii, Brandi Rentschier, Tina Patricks, Leanne Tucker, Jennifer Mills Front Row: Diane Kendall, Michelle LeGear, Heather Garvey, Jennifer Cherven, Terry Wroblewski, Becky Fueher, Ann Cacon, Amy Haskins, Chris Houchin, Shalanda McBride.

Jazz Band: Back Row: Aron Shurhke, Mike Stucky, Mike Mauch, Nick Stur, Dan Dewar, Second Row: Tim Dickens, Steve Fields, Dan Broelmann, Andrew Lane, Ann Barenie, Stacy Goff Front Row: Michelle LeGear, Chris Houchin, Amy Haskins, Heather Garvey, Tom Zapinski, Lyzette Leal, Paul Burdsal

# PLAYING NOTES

> *"I decided to continue band after grade school although many of my friends quit. I stuck with it.*
> *Junior Michael Mauch*

Band takes a lot of practice and hard work. For some, it takes even more. Diane Kendall junior, plays not one but two instruments. "I've got to learn a bunch of different fingering for both instruments and that does get confusing sometimes but I love it!" There is three different types of band. The main one is concert band. They usually play at ISSMA contests. Then there is Jazz band and the last is the Pit band which plays for special events like the Fall Musicals. They are conducted by Mr. Noel Cross. Marching seems to be a favorite with most band members even if it's a little harder and takes a lot of practice. "This year I actually looked forward to the marching. It was a chance for us not only to perform with our instruments but to put on a show," said junior Aron Shuhrke. "The applause, the people, and the noise make it fun and worth while for me," said junior Chris Doppler. Band is not just performing, with it comes practice and practice makes perfect. Students take band as a class to learn to improve their playing abilities. Junior David Thompson joined band for this reason, "I feel band is a get away (for me) I can relax and learn at the same time." Others continue band from their grade school days. "I decided to continue band after grade school all though many of my friends quit I stuck with it and I'm glad I did," said junior Micheal Mauch. Band for some is a past time or a hobby for others it may be a career and yet for others, it is a get away. Some band members even take their talents to different extents. Junior Aron Schurhke plays the drums for his own band as well as for Griffith High School. "It means a lot more practice for me, I have a set of drums in my room and that's where we usually hold our practices. Band (at school) has definitely helped me a lot in my own band." Whatever the reasons might be why they are in band, whether it's for a hobby, career, or just a get away, all band members will agree. Most people can pick up an instrument and play it, but they make noise, we make music. The band is like a family so they work well together. From playing at contests, to performing, to practicing at school they learn to cooperate with one another. Every year, in order to raise money for uniforms, trips, and etc . . the band sells cheese and sausage.

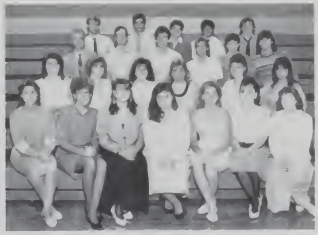
I'm stsarting to go crosseyed Senior Rick Sell stares at his sheet music for his saxophone while playing at a football game

Drum Majors - Senior Heather Garvey and junior Jennifer Cherven

The band practices before a game to make sure everything runs smoothly. Drum major Jennifer Cherven joins in to help the band

Bowling: Back Row: Jeff Streck, Jim Toren, Dennis Glover, Dale Verkuilen, Paula Irvin, Don Hobbs, Diane Kendall. Third Row: Brett Zabek, Stacy Baker, Keith Gelocy, Branko Stepanovich, Ryan Carroll, Jim Dixon, Becky Fuehrer Second Row: Chris Broelman, Ada Green, Jean Stucky, Desa Stepanovich, Marilyn Menzibiek, Adrienne Corrigenik, Ann Barenie Front Row: Mike Beesley, Dawn Dunnett, Debbie Miller, Tom Zapinski, Jason Gonzalez, Terri Wroblewski

Stage Crew: Back Row: Mr. Ray Weaver, Alison Textor, Denise Hochstatter, Tonya Parsons Third Row: Heather Garvey, Diane Murrien, Barbie Gal, Dawn Dunnett, Marcie Dresbaugh Second Row: Kelli Wilkey, Tricia Barriaby Front Row: Mark Rubacha, Aaron Smith, Dale Verkuilen, Mike Beesley, Wayne Hardin



Movies: Back Row: Aaron Smith, Andy Huss, Chris Hawkins, Jason Gonzalez, Wayne Hardin Third Row: Mr. Ray Weaver, Dale Verkuilen, Mike Domanski, Mike Beesley, Joe Judge, Bill Harding Second Row: Heather Garvey, Jennifer Cherven, Tonya Parsons, Kelli Wilkey, Marcie Dresbaugh, Andrea Gonzalez Front Row: Debbie Miller, Amy Bohney, Beth Galinski, Julie Planer, Diane Kendall, Dawn Dunnett, Stephanie Buttner

# FOR THE FUN OF IT.

Set the scene, draw yourself back to the age of jukeboxes, sockhops, and fast cars. Now using your imagination, build them and take an entire audience back with the feeling that there has been an actual time change.

A lot of people think that stage crew is for the people that didn't make the play Well they're wrong. Stage crew is a group of devoted kids who build the props and the scenery necessary to go on with the show.

This year was a little however when the small ten member crew proudly produced a fifteen foot high jukebox. "It totally blew me away when I first saw it. It was very realistic." said Regina Haag on the play's first public performance This years stage manager was senior Aaron Smith who is totally new to Griffith High drama department "Even though this is my first year with the drama department, I felt like I have been a part of it for the total four years. It was certainly a lot of fun and I enjoyed what we did We had the feeling of family between the small crew because we spent all of our spare time working on the jukebox that left the audience in awe!"

"What are you doing Friday and Saturday night?" "I'm working at the movies." Not all after school activities have to do with sports. The movie workers are one example.

Showing a movie is harder than it seems. Ushering, selling tickets, and cleaning up are just of a few of the things that are done. Junior Andrea Gonzalez says she likes being a movie worker because, "It's a guaranteed night out and I like helping out." There's more to it than just watching movies though, taking equipment out and putting it back when the show is over.

Almost every Wednesday after school the bowling club, consisting of the teams and five alternate members, pack up their bowling equipment and play three competitive hames against their fellow teammates. "Bowling is a fun sport for me," said junior Mike Beasley, I've been in in bowling for two years and I plan on joining next year also. I only have one problem, getting to work by five." Senior Cindy Campbell wasn't in bowling at first, but after swimming season was over she decided to join the team. "I wanted to join the team at the beginning of the year, but I put swimming first. Now I'm one the alternate in bowling. I'd rather be on a regular team but at least I can bowl, now."

*"I've been in bowling for two years, I plan on joining next year also. I only have one problem, getting to work by five." Mike Beasley, Junior*

Senior Cindy Cambell bowls a line hoping to get a strike for her team mates Oh no! It definitely looks like a gutter to me, Maybe with a little more practice I'll have it downpat

Andy Huss, senior, regards the up coming Griffith High School movies. Who Framed Roger Rabbit looks like a good movie to take my girlfriend to see Next week it will be Twins, and after that


Sweatergirls-Tonya Parsons, Kelli Wilkay, Angie Clark, Anne Plucinski, Heather Grabowski, Desa Stepanovich, Denise Guevara, Becky Baker, Alison Taxtor, Susan Kwasny

Pantherettes: Back Row-Kristin Birk, Amy O'Donnell, Julie Hedges, Leanne Nichols. Third row-Michelle Maglish, Donna Slacanin, Deena Wesolowski, Jenny Whitfield, Tina Pena. Second Row-Wendy Mares, Lisa Segally, Brandi Rentschler, Jenny Bishop, Michelle Jones, Dodi Hall, Beth Meinser. Adrianne Companik. First Row-Adrianne Green, Brandi Christopher, Carrie Rodriguez, Tricia Roach, Amy Bohney, Jenny Stokes, Laura Garcia


Booster Club-Back row-Gojko Cucuz, Ryan Davis, Brian Guevara, Joe Salinato, Ryan Stanzeski, Mark Osmulski, Phil Katona, Steve Spitz, Darin Anderson, Chris Foss, Mike Rakeitsch, Brett Zabeck. Chris Broelman. Sixth row: Janice Hancock, Leanne Nichols, Kristen Birk, Julie Hedges, Denise Mikulski, Julie Palmer, Laura Garcia, Jayme Davis, Tricia McGuire, Genny Huddleston, Kylee McLellan, Wendy Mares, Donna Slacanin, Deena Wesolowski, Mery Tingley, Karen Huddleston, Beth Meinser. Fifth row-Greg McCauley, Brandi Rentschler, Brandie Christopher, Lisa Segally, Jeannine Scheeringa, Lesley Stupeck, Jen Bednar, Pam Muha, Nan Rodell, Kristen Reyome, Christine Roye, Michelle Jones, Jenny Whitfield, Adrianne Green, Carrie Rodriguez, Kelly Peraz, Tina Pena. Fourth row-Rick Sell, Rob Shinkle, Joe Powers, Paula Christenson, Toni Morrison, Kevin Lee, Marilyn Marszalek, Stacy Baker, Pam Wittlong, Monice Taylor, Colleen Dangelo, Amy O'Donnell, Jennifer Barnaby, Jenny Saculla, Wayne Hardin. Third row-Hedi Brennan, Bobbie Peters, Deann Knezevich, Karen Hoffman, Jennifer Bubala, Dodi Hall, Katrina Gasper, Julie Plener, Amy Bohney, Debbie Miller, Heather Garvey, Cindy Caldwell, Jennifer Bishop, Jennifer Seberger. Second row-Michelle Graham, Stephanie Gilbert, Amy Floyd, Kelli Ford, Alice Rakeitsch, Dena Anderson, Laura Shoulders, Denise Hochstetler, Mary Hoffman, Deanna Tains, Tricia Roach, Michelle Maglish, Julie Kilgora, Nichole Dunning, Cathy Klemola, Laura Rodriguez. First row-Pam Stanford, Tonya Parsons, Kelli Wilkay, Angie Clark, Anne Plucinski, Heather Grabowski, Desa Stepanovich, Denise Guevara, Becky Baker, Alison Taxtor, Susan Kwasny, Heather Nolan, Lyzette Leal

# RAISE IT UP

Senior Jeff Strack gives out a big yell in support of the Panthers. Students have many different ways of showing their support for our home team.

Mr. Christenson said, "I am proud of the enthusiasm displayed by the sweatergirls and Booster Club. They are intelligent fun people to 'work' and be with. They add much to the ambiance of the events they support."

At the beginning of the year Booster Club members met to elect new officers such as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. Desa Steponavich won the office of President. Senior Denise Guevarra took over as Vice President and Senior Becky Baker played a double role by taking on Secretary and Treasurer. Senior Lyzette Leal kept track of all the special memories of the year by taking pictures and putting them in a scrapbook, just one of the jobs she has as Historian. The officers had to put up with a lot of tasks during the year while supervising meetings and arranging special activities in which Booster Club was involved in.

*"I enjoy being sponsor of the booster club. The opportunity to be involved with students in an extracurricular activity has been personally rewarding." Mr. Christenson, Booster Club Sponsor.*

"All the way, all the way, go cats!" That was just one of the cheers heard echoeing from the crowd at a typical Griffith High game. The jam packed booster block always comes through to show their support to the team. The booster block consists of the cheerleaders, sweatergirls, pantherettes, and one of the newer additions-the lifters.

Junior Kris Dills said, "It's good because it shows the other school that we have spirit."

Being in the Booster Club is harder than it looks-but it's worth it! Mr. Christenson, Booster Club and sweatergirl sponsor said, "I do enjoy being sponsor of the Booster Club. The opportunity to be involved with students in an extra-curricular activity has been personally rewarding."

There were many responsibilities that the booster block had to conquer. The pantherettes practiced long and hard on making up routines to entertain the panther fans at half time. Another important part of the Booster block is the sweatergirls. They are often overlooked, yet if it wasn't for them there wouldn't be any posters, raffle tickets, or a hoop for every home game. Senior Desa Steponavich, sweatergirl and Booster Club president, talks about the sweatergirls, "They're great! They've really worked hard, especially on Homecoming. I Think the sweatergirls are important because we keep the Booster Club running, such as pep sessions and lockerbuddies."

Come rain or shine, sleet or snow, Griffith Booster Club will brave any weather to cheer on the Panthers. Senior Anne Plucinski sat soaking wet at the Lowell game.


Booster Club officers-Historian-Lyzette Leal, President-Desa Stepanovich, Vice-President-Denise Guevara, Secretary and Treasurer-Becky Baker.

# ALL TOGETHER NOW

Tests, jobs, term papers, deadlines and homework. When it's all combined, it can mean a lot of stress on a high school student. With all of the pressures of a student's day, many like to relieve their tension by becoming involved in a sport.

Becoming part of an athletic team is not as simple as showing up for the competitions. A lot of patience and determination is needed to be successful in a sport. Many hours are spent preparing and conditioning. A real athlete is dedicated and takes this "extra curricular" activity seriously. Meetings, practices, games, meets and matches are always anticipated and prepared for long before their time.

Students also gain a sense of responsibility and learn to work with people by joining a sport. Sectionals, Regionals and state also provide goals for students to strive for during their season.

Although being on a team requires quite a bit of time and hard work, it all becomes worth it when an athlete is victorious.

Winning gives an athlete a great feeling of satisfaction knowing that all of the work put in really did amount to something. Besides winning, the athletes are also rewarded and recognized at the sports banquets held every year. This is a chance for the parents, administration and peers to really see who the athletes are and what they have done.

G.H.S. has had its share of ups and downs when it comes to athletics. Exciting wins as well as devastating losses add up to a very fullfilling and worthwhile experience for students.

Despite the records and successes of an athlete, anyone who puts forth a true effort comes out a winner.

**EXERCISE + TIME + INJURIES =**

I've got it! Junior Mark Osmulski jumps up for the rebound as the rivals stand ready to block him. In a basketball game, getting the rebound is as important as scoring baskets.

Easy does it. Junior Jayme Davis practices bumping the ball in order to improve her game. Athletes must spend hours practicing in order to be successful.

Almost there! Junior Jason White swims to the finish line hoping for a victory. Being part of the swim team requires hard work and a lot of dedication.

# SPORTS

# PUSHING ONWARD

Tension and excitement hung in the air as heavy as the clouds as the Panthers made their way across the muddy Hammond High field. This was the game everyone had been waiting for, the Sectional Championship. The game was back and forth the first half until Hammond scored. Suddenly the sky opened and a torrent of rain flooded down on the players and fans. But the rain didn't dampen spirits as the crowd went wild and the field became a mudbath as Junior Joe Sainato scored to tie it up 7-7 at the half.

The Panthers played hard and tough the second half but were unable to catch the Wildcats who outran them at the end to take and hold the lead. Head Coach Les Thornton said, "The boys played hard and the game was undecided until the fourth quarter but Hammond had some big plays and their tailback was too fast."

Although the Panthers were unable to capture the Sectional title this did not override the highlights of a remarkable season. This season was the best since 1981 and it was marked by beautiful passes, awesome tackles, much needed interceptions, lots of touchdowns, and wild, crazy, supportive, screaming crowds.

Griffith started the season on an optimistic note as they pounced on their first victim Gary Mann was the opposing team and despite their efforts the Horsemen fell to a 34-19 loss to the Panthers.

The Panthers showed even more strength in the second game with Lowell Griffith dominated both on offense and defense as they went on to a 51-0 victory.

One game when everything came together was against Munster Since it was only the third game of the season and the team hadn't had much competition with big teams yet, the coaches and players knew this would be a deciding game. The team stayed at school until game time so they could concentrate on the game uninterrupted. But at the Mustang field it was a different story. The team was psyched, as well as the spectators.

With each play the crowd got more excited and yelled louder, if that was possible! When the Panthers pulled ahead and stayed that way the Griffith fans could feel a victory. Everyone went crazy and their shouts of joy pushed the team down the field to a 10-0 conquest of the Mustangs. Junior Ryan Staniszeski commented on why the Munster game was so exciting and memorable, "Because we were such underdogs and nobody thought we were any good But we played our hearts out and shut them out." Coach Thornton agreed and added, "After the Munster

Hit 'em hard! Junior halfback Mike Raketich prepares to muscle through the Calumet defense while his blockers do their job in the 48-6 Homecoming victory ▸

Varsity Football. Front Row: Marilyn Marszalek, Monika Rocha, Mike Raketich, Carl Lee, Jeff Burks, Sean Farley, [illegible] Kleen, Dan Carlin, [illegible] Schreiber, Branko Stepanovich, Lisa Grubbs, Laurie Rodriguez. Second Row: Dean Knezevich, Coach Komara, [illegible] Matlewicz, [illegible] Crosek, Guiko Cucuz, John Jordan, John Mowery, Joe Peters, Brett Zabek, Todd Hinz, Ryan Davis, Karen Hoffman, [illegible] Alex Ilinski, [illegible] Ostrowski, Ken Moore, Mike Dorelli, Steve Trivunovic, Gene Jordan, Mike Anderson, Brad Stepetic, Troy Trowbridge, [illegible] Wallis, [illegible] Anderson, [illegible] Coach Wroblewski. Greg Row: John Bogner, Brian Phillips, Joe Sainato, Frank Sanatto, Mike Mauch. Head [illegible] ▲

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| 34 | 19 | Horace Mann |
| 51 | 0 | Lowell |
| 10 | 0 | Munster |
| 17 | 13 | Crown Point |
| 48 | 6 | Calumet |
| 13 | 14 | Lake Cental |
| 17 | 0 | Highland |
| 54 | 6 | Kankakee Valley |
| 38 | 6 | Horace Mann |
| 21 | 18 | Bishop Noll |
| 14 | 27 | Hammond High |

Panthers fans in the stands. Stanley Kelly Moore waves a towel of hopes of raising the team's spirit with the help of the enthusiastic crowd support.

Kankakee Valley quarterback throws the pass with all time before he is greeted with the usual Panther welcome.

Griffith quarterback, senior Brad Steapleton puts the ball in the air in hopes of gaining some yardage in the Homecoming game against Calumet ◗

As the seconds tick away junior Steve Spitz steps in to drive the Panthers downfield in hopes of capturing a win with a two-point conversion in the Lake Central game. ◓

Gotcha! Seniors Earl Schreiber and Mike Anderson grab hold and hang on to bring down a CP Bulldog. The Panthers grabbed another victory with this 17-13 win. ◓

Who's man was that? Coach Thornton talks to his team during half time at the Hammond High game. The Panthers ended the season with a great 9-2 record. ◗

game, we knew we had a good football team."

Griffith kept up its winning streak with the exception of the Lake Central game. Unable to keep up with Lake Central's number of players, the Panthers fell to a heartbreaking 14-13 loss. But the team kept its spirits up and recovered enough from the injuries suffered in the LC game to face rival Highland.

With the 17-0 win over the Highland Trojans, the Panthers assured themselves of a piece of the LSC title. "A definite highlight of the season was winning conference," said senior Brett Zabek. With their 7-1 regular season record the Panthers were able to share the honor Lake Suburban Conference Co-Champs with Lake Central.

Another honor given to the Panthers was that of being the top defense in the area. The coaches decided to try a new defense this year and it worked out well. Coach Thornton commented, "It brought everything together. We knew our offense was good but we weren't sure about defense, but everyone was into it and enthused."

Changes in the defense, a skilled offense, and an experienced coaching staff blended together well in the 1988 season. The dedication of players and coaches brought recognition to the football program, not to mention exciting Friday nights. The people of the town turned on their enthusiasm in their support of the team and the high school was fired up.

A good season for a sport like football helps to unify people not involved but not as intensely as it unifies a team. Senior John Jorden expressed this by saying, "Most of the seniors have been playing together for so long we know how everyone will react to something. We didn't fight amongst ourselves and the season was a great team effort."

Senior Brett Zabek agreed with his teammate by saying, "There were no individuals. Everyone was out to do the best for the team, to reach our goals in one combined effort." And what goals they reached!

This year's award winners were; Troy Toweson; most valuable player, Brett Zabek, best mental attitude, Earl Schreiber; most improved, Troy Toweson; offensive star, Derek Tucker; defensive star, Brian Phillips; kicking star, Brett Zabek, leading tackler, Sean Farley and John Jorden; outstanding offensive linemen, Derek Tucker and Phil Katona; outstanding offensive linemen, Troy Toweson, outstanding offensive back, Mike Anderson; outstanding defensive back, Joe Sainato; outstanding receiver, Ryan Staniszeski; "Bingo" (Interception) leader, and Brian Phillips; senior scholar. Junior Varsity awards went to; Steve Spitz; J.V. most valuable player, Alex Djukic; J.V best mental attitude, and Dave Comer; J.V. most improved.

As far as next season goes the team will be less experienced but the coaches are looking forward to a quick and well-balanced team.

JV Football: Front row: Monika Rocha, Cari Grill, Jeff Burks, Mike Patterson, Jeff Harder, Nick Matthews, Jim Gi[illegible]sek, Nick Vit[illegible], Todd Hi[illegible]ine Rodriguez. Second row: Deann Knezevich, John Verbich, Alex Djukic, Ryan Davis, Bob Heas, Doug Ostrowski, [illegible]amp, Ryan Keen, Jason Anderson, Dave Comer, Lisa Grubbe. Third Row: Marilyn Marszalek, Daryl Lopez, Mika Worosz, Joe Reitz, Mike Bell, Rod Brown, Frank Sainato, Chris Foss, Steve [illegible], Jon Bogner, Mike Mauch, Coach Wrobewski, Karan Hoffman. Fourth row: Coach Kiecho, Mitch Maciuszek, Tim Garvey, Mike Pacurar, Steve Spitz, Tony Gonzalez, Jason Reyome, Bill Pokles, Jack Massa.

# REBUILDING

The score is 15-14. The ball is sailing high over the net. You jump up and spike the ball onto the opponents' side where it hits the back line. Your teammates scream with excitement as the fans jump to their feet. You've won the game!

Volleyball is a fast moving game that requires a lot of fast thinking and coordination. Like most sports, a volleyball game cannot be won by an individual team member. Although a volleyball team consists of bumpers, setters, and spikers, they must all unite and play as a team to be successful. Sophomore Amy Strack commented, "One of the bad points was that the team sometimes played as individuals and not together."

Junior Jennifer Bednar agreed saying, "Everyone worked for themselves, not for the team."

Senior Julie Palmer pointed out another weak point of the team. "We only had one senior on our team and that was a major weakness."

Although on the court the team had trouble working together, they were all friends. Junior Laura Covarrubias said, "We were all good friends and were able to get along well." This is important for any team.

Over all, the team members agreed that the season wasn't as successful as they had hoped.

Coach Don Whittamore summed up the teams' feelings by saying, "I think the team and I were disappointed with the outcome of the season. We wanted to do well in our tourney, in conference, and in sectionals, but due to injuries and illnesses we were not able to do some of the things we wanted to do."

Although the team was disappointed with the outcome, there were some high points in the season. The team had strong servers and spikers who are an essential part of the team. The girls also had some very exciting wins.

"I think one of the highlights was beating Highland since they are one of our rivals and playing so tough against Crown Point and Merrillville even though we lost. They are really good teams," said Strack.

Before the season started many of the athletes as well as the coach had goals they wished to accomplish. Whittamore had Griffith Invitational, Conference, and Sectional Championships in mind. Still others had personal goals that they hoped to accomplish.

Bednar commented, "I wanted to set through a whole game and make all-conference. The setting I accomplished, Conference I didn't."

Still others hoped for other things. "Since I was put on JV to start off the year, my goal was to improve enough to be put on Varsity and maybe letter. After six games, Mr. Whittamore put me on Varsity and I lettered," said Strack.

Senior Julie Palmer had another goal in mind. "My goal was to become a better volleyball player."

Concentrate! Freshman Julie Allison hits the ball over the net hoping it will land on the opponents side getting her team one point closer to victory.

Sophomore Christy Jovanovich stands ready to bump the volleyball over the net onto the opponents side in orser to gain points for her team


First row left to right, Trisha Butler, Michelle Castillo, Jennifer Bednar, Christine Roye. Row two: Coach Don Whittamore, Amy Strack, Jayme Davis, Trisha McGuire, Julie Palmer

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| Andrean | L |
| Clark | L |
| Hobart | L |
| Whiting | W |
| Lake Station | L |
| River Forest | W |
| Gavit | W |
| Roosevelt | L |
| Morton | L |
| Calumet | W |
| EC Central | W |
| Hammond | L |
| Roosevelt | W |
| Merrillville | L |
| Munster | L |
| West Side | W |
| Highland | W |
| West Side | W |
| Highland | W |
| Crown Point | L |
| Lake Central | L |

Junior Trisha McGuire stretches out before practice starts. Stretching is a must before any practice or game because it eliminates many injuries.

Time out! Coach Don Whettamore instructs his team during a close game. Time outs are often necessary for a break for players.

Coach Ron Divjak contemplates how well his runners are doing compared to the last meet ◆

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| Gavit Inv. | 1st |
| Rebel Inv. | 8th |
| Lowell | won |
| Merrillville | won |
| Gary Roosevelt/ Andrean | won |
| Crown Point/Calumet/ Bishop Noll | 2nd |
| Highland Inv. | 5th |
| Hobart Inv. | 3rd |
| Munster/Lake Central | lost |
| Lake Suburban Conference | 4th |
| Sectionals | 5th |
| Regionals | 6th |

Senior Keith Miller stretches out before he sets out to train with the rest of his team ◆

No pain, no gain. Senior Mark DeLaVega pushes onward in hopes of making it to state finals ◆

# OFF AND RUNNING

This years boys cross country team got off to a running start this season!

The team set out for the finish line with a few goals ahead of them. Coach Ron Divjak said, "I think our major goal was to try to get to semi-state."

Senior Keith Miller said, "We should've gone to semi-state, but our second man got injured a week before."

Senior Mike Letts went to semi-state as an individual runner. Letts said, "It's not what I wanted to achieve, I wanted to achieve state." He also said, "I was very honered to represent Griffith, considering I was the only one qualified for it." Letts came in 26th out of approximately 150 others. A runner must be in the top ten to go to state.

The boys cross country team practiced all year round on their own preparing for their successful season.

They started training as a team during the months of June, July, and August Coach Divjak said, "With coaching it's easy to run, but on your own it's much more difficult." Divjak also said, "A weakness I think was the fact that we had a very hot summer."

Coach Divjak comments, "I think our biggest problem was that I had seniors and I had freshmen, but I didn't have enough competitive juniors and sophmores."

All in all the team had a very good season. They had several wins and ranked in the top three numerous times, and came in first in invitationals against Gavit. They also did fairly well by coming in third against Hobart and placing fifth against Highland. In general their meets were successful. A win against Merrillville and Lowell sent the team roaring into the finish line with high spirits.

Unfortunatley the team missed semi-state by two points. Sophomore Don Hill said, "I thought we did relatively good; everyone was out there trying and Senior Mike Letts did make it to semi-state." Junior Eric Dec talked about how he felt about semi-state, "We were kind of upset because it was so close, and it was the last year we missed it by one point." Senior Keith Miller said, "I was very disappointed with the way the season turned out, especially after three years of training its not a very good way to end up."

Miller also said, "We had a few rough times during the season with various runners, but coach Divjak pushed us through them. We owe him a lot." Sometimes coaches don't get the acknowledgment that they deserve, but it's plain to see that the coaches here at GHS get more than enough praise from their teams.

On an average, the boys cross country team runs 7-8 miles everyday to prepare for their meets. Sophomore Don Hill puts in his miles after school.

Back Row-Coach Ron Divjak, Ed Senzig, Mark DeLaVega, Rob Knestrick, Keith Miller, Mike Letts. Front Row-Greg Uhter, Mike Hernandez, Matt Dillon, Russell Filter, Don Hill, Eric Dec.

# ON THE UPSWING

How would you feel if before the season even started your team was predicted to do absolutely nothing? Well, the tennis team didn't feel very good about it so they set out to change that prediction. And they did that very well by only losing to top teams in the conference such as Munster, Highland, and Lake Central.

One of the first things to happen to the team was the new arrival of Coach Tim Maluga. Senior Mark Chestnut commented, "The transition to a new coach was very easy. Coach Maluga was younger so we related a lot better to him."

Almost synomous with the word team is teamwork, that can be a hard thing to get out of an individual sport like tennis. "Each varsity match counts as one point for the team, so although you're on the court alone your points go for the whole team score," explained Senior Andy Huss. When the players are alone on the court most of the time it can be really hard to make them feel and function like a team. Fortunately, the tennis team overcame this easily. Sophomore Andy Lane commented on this by saying, "Everybody on the team gives everybody else a lot of support."

Although the individual player must strive to do his best for the benefit of the team there are also personal honors involved. Senior Andy Huss made it to the Individual Sectional Finals to top off a very good season. His teammate Andy Lane supported him by saying, "A highlight of the season was when Andy Huss beat out a top Lake Station player in sectional action."

When one thinks of strong points of a team one usually thinks of a doubles team or single player that does outstanding on a regular basis, but Andy Huss had a different view. "I think our big strong point was that we never took a loss seriously enough to let it get us down." That seemed to be the overall attitude of the team. Having fun was the basis of the team while winning was an added enjoyment. Also, the play of the solid doubles teams was a major strong point for the team.

The team has done a lot more conditioning this year than in past years. They started practicing before school started. Andy Lane commented, "We do a lot of running." Other players agree that the team has done more running this year.

Many of the players practice on their own time, especially during the summer. Andy Lane advises, "If you want to be any good you have to practice about 90 percent on your own time. You can't just go out to practice with the team, that's not enough."

All the practice will come in handy since next year will definitely be a rebuilding year for the team. They will be left with only two returning lettermen. The team will work to give people experience for future years.

Quick save! Senior Mark Wiley's skilled reflexes come in handy during tough matches. Sharpened reflexes are a much needed asset to a player's game ▸

Steady now. Senior Andy Huss waits expectantly for the ball before returning it to the opponent's court. Practice is an important part of being on the team ▴

Varsity Boy's Tennis. Front Row: Matt Galocy, Andy Lane, Dall Lavin, Seaking Row: Coach Tim Maluga, Chris Swatts, Mark Wiley, Andy Huss, Mark Chestnut, Kurt Anderson ▴

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| 5 | 0 | Clark |
| 3 | 2 | Crown Point |
| 4 | 1 | Morton |
| 0 | 5 | Munster |
| 5 | 0 | Gavit |
| 5 | 0 | Calumet |
| 4 | 1 | Hammond High |
| 5 | 0 | Lowell |
| 0 | 5 | Highland |
| 5 | 0 | River Forest |
| 4 | 1 | Lake Station |
| 1 | 4 | Lake Central |
| 5 | 0 | West Side |
| 2 | 3 | E.C. Central |

Senior Kurt Anderson uses a quick backhand stroke when volleying the ball back to his opponent. ▲

Whoosh! Following through with his serve senior James Sanders knows it will be a hard one to return. Practice matches between players help before the real thing. ◀

# MAKING WAVES

More swimmers, high spirits, and lots of hard work helped to make the season of the girls' swim team a lot better this year. Senior captain Cindy Campbell said, "The season this year was a lot of fun. Although there were some low points, we always kept each other in good spirits."

Teamwork is a large part of the swim team because their numbers are so small compared to other schools. Junior Regina Haag commented, "Everyone helps everyone improve. This is good because of our tough competition."

The girls' team has had problems with the number of swimmers over the past couple of years and this year is no exception. Cindy Campbell commented on this, "The team's size left us at a disadvantage. When we lost a meet, we lost because of our size. We have a lot of ability, we just need more people."

But, despite their size the girls' still managed to pull off some exciting wins. A match against Calumet went down to the 400 yard relay. The competition between the teams frenzied and the swimmers raced to be the first to reach the edge. Unfortunately, the winner was the Calumet swimmer but Regina Haag has this to say, "Although it might have been a loss, we still enjoyed every bit of it and swam hard."

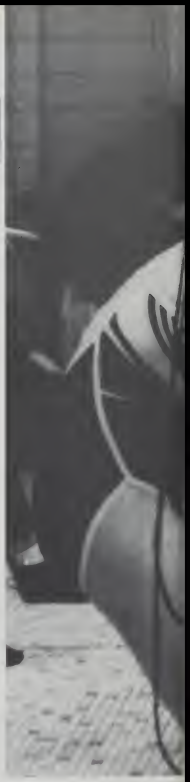
On the up-side, Griffith was successful in the meet against E.C. Central. The team was about four times as big as Griffith's but the swimmers were hot that night and placed first in almost every event. They showed that their natural ability could overcome their size handicap.

And that was one thing the team had, was a lot of young talent and ability. Cindy Campbell expanded on this, "We only won a few meets this year but the ones we won, we won on our ability."

There was quite a bit of new ability coming through the freshman who joined.

Despite the small number of their large victories the team still enjoys their small personal victories or the improvement of a teammate. Cindy Campbell said, "One of the most satisfying parts of being on the team is when you work really hard at improving your time and then at a meet you find you have dropped time. That's a great feeling because you know all your work has paid off.

Another part of the team is diving. The team's only competition diver is junior Regina Haag. This year she went to sectionals representing Griffith. Haag only missed semi-finals by a couple of points. She describes her experience, "There were so many good divers. Not only was the competition tough, it was terrible waiting for your turn. First, it was hard to stay warmed-up and it made me nervous watching all the other divers. But still, it was a great experience."



Concentrating hard on the swim ahead of her, senior Dawna Fryman warms up before taking the plunge. Mental and physical demands are made on all the swimmers.

Girls' Swim Team: Back row, Coach Govert, Dawna Fryman, Rebecca Wisinski, Cindy Campbell, Jennifer King, Coach Ritter. Front row: Regina Haag, Katie McDermott, and Tina Meyers.

| | GHS |
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| Gavit-Lowell | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| E.C. Central | W |
| Munster-Calumet | L |
| Hammond | W |
| N. Newton | W |
| Lowell Inv. | L |
| Kankakee | L |
| Highland | L |
| LSC Meet | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Hobart | L |
| Gavit | L |

Freshman Jennifer King waits patiently by the poolside for her turn to swim. Freshmen took up a lot of slack in the handicap of size

Whew! A tough competitor has pushed senior captain Cindy Campbell into doing her best at this meet.

# ALL TIED UP

Half-nelsons, takedowns, escapes, locking-up, pin-falls, coaches, mat-maids, and of course, the grapplers themselves, are all a part of the sport of wrestling.

The Griffith wrestling team did well this year, ending the season with an 11-11 record. Coach Bob Komara said, "This season went really well for the most part. It was a very young team so the lack of experience hurt us. We were also rather small so it was hard to fill all weight classes."

The team was young with only two seniors to lead the way, seniors Mike Dorelli and Derek Tucker. Coach Komara had this to say about his seniors, "The leadership in the two seniors was good this season. They had two different styles but both led by quiet example. Dorelli quietly showed the younger ones what to do while Derek would quietly grab them by the neck and show them how to put on a certain hold."

To get in shape and stay in shape throughout the season the wrestlers run miles upon miles in the fieldhouse. They also wrestle each other and lift weights as a part of their practice routine.

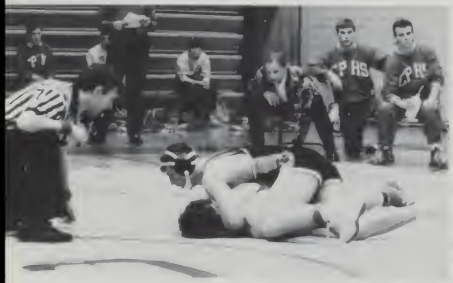
All their hard work paid off in some of the more exciting matches. One of these was against the Lake Central Indians. L.C.'s wrestling team is a lot larger than Griffith's, and a very tough competitor. But the Griffith grapplers came on very strong and the winning points came down to the last match. The struggle on the mat was fierce, but with a very controversial call by the referee the points were awarded to the L.C. wrestler. Senior Derek Tucker said, "The match against Lake Central was so exciting because their team is a lot bigger and we only lost by one point. Also, our coach teaches at L.C. so it was sort of a rivalry."

"One of our more exciting matches was against Munster. They have a big team and we were the underdogs, so when we came out on top it was really exciting," said junior Ryan Davis.

The team did have some problems due to their small size though. Coach Komara explained, "We didn't have any wrestler to fill the 103 lb. weight class so every match we were automatically down by six points. Also, we had to put three to four freshman on varsity to help fill it up. This hurt our already small J.V. team. But they had a lot of talent and their experience this year will help a lot towards next season."

Although wrestling is a team sport the guys strive for personal best also. Throughout the season there were two wrestlers who were ranked in state. They were junior Damion Navarro and senior Derek Tucker. Another way the wrestlers reach high personal achievements is through sectional competition. Senior Mike Dorelli won in his weight class, finally losing in regional competition.

Ugh! Griffith wrestler, junior Ryan Davis battles to keep his shoulder from being pressed to the mat for a pin by the Crown Point wrestler.



Just flip him over and it will be a win. It probably won't be that easy but right now senior Derek Tucker is in controlling position.

Everything is arms and legs as junior Damion Navarro and a Crown Point wrestler vie for controlling position and who comes out on top.

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| North Newton | 40 | 30 |
| River Forest | 58 | 13 |
| Whiting | 41 | 25 |
| Hanover Central | 56 | 15 |
| Gary Roosevelt | 46 | 25 |
| Gavit | 48 | 17 |
| Gary Wallace | 40 | 20 |
| Lowell | 16 | 51 |
| Crown Point | 5 | 64 |
| East Chicago | 33 | 24 |
| Highland | 16 | 47 |
| Gary Wirt | 19 | 54 |
| La Ville | 41 | 27 |
| Kankakee Valley | 15 | 48 |
| Lowell | 15 | 46 |
| West Side | 50 | 17 |
| Calumet | 3 | 63 |
| East Chicago | 18 | 41 |
| Clark | 24 | 38 |
| Lake Station | 13 | 55 |
| Munster | 35 | 24 |

Hoping to do some good, Coach Bob Komara gives some helpful tips to one of his wrestlers before a match.

Senior grappler Mike Dorelli locks up with his opponent. He's trying to get in position for a takedown.

# DOWN THE COURT

The clock is quickly counting down the seconds. The score is tied and your teammate is dribbling down the court and suddenly passes the ball to you. You look up at the basket and take a deep breath. You shoot the ball and it bounces off of the backboard and into the basket You've won the game!

While not every basketball game ends with such an exciting finish, the girls basketball team has had it's share of exciting moments this season. "The highlight of the season was the game against Lowell because we went into over time and came out on top for a conference win!" stated Junior Christine Roye.

Senior Stacy Baker remembers another exciting moment. "One of the highlights was when we defeated Lake Station in overtime. We proved that Griffith isn't a team that's going to just roll over and give someone an easy win."

To experience a satisfying season like the girls basketball team has, the team must have goals that they want to reach. Coach Craig Adlesberger told about what he had in mind for the team. "We wanted to improve our skill level and of course to win some ball-games. We feel these goals were accomplished."

Baker had other ideas. "I wanted to prove to people that Griffith players are determined and hard-working. No one can say anymore, We don't need to practice tonight-Griffith's an easy win."

While the players set goals for the team, some had personal goals to strive for as well. Sophomore Amy Strack said, "I just wanted to go out and play my best and hopefully letter and I did both."

Without goals like these, it is easy for a team to get down, but no matter how hard any team tries to reach these goals, a season isn't a season unless it has its low points as well as its high points. Roye recalls the low points. "They were the games that no one could put the ball through the hoop and we lost when we should not have. The Clark game comes off the top of my head."

Adlesberger expressed his opinion of what he thought the low point of the season was when he said, "The low point was probably our lack of consistency over a period of games. We never won more than two games in a row. I guess the biggest disappointment was losing the Wheeler Invitational Tournament Championship game to Oregon-Davis."

With all of its ups and downs, the players felt that overall, the season went well. Adlesberger stated, "Overall, we were pleased with the continued improvement in our program."

Baker expressed her opinion by saying, "I thought it went very well. We improved a lot since last year. I think we've also shown many people and, more importantly, ourselves that we are capable of competing."

Shooting for two! With a look of concentration and determination, Junior Michelle Castillo goes up for a basket to give her team the advantage over the opponents.

Front row: Left to right: Laura Raybuck, Michelle Castillo, Christine Roye, Tammy Whitfield. Back row: Coach Adlesberger, Stacy Baker, Jenny Seculla, Jayme Davis, Trisha McGuire

| | GHS |
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| Hanover Central | L |
| Lake Station | W |
| Portage | L |
| Morton | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| Chesterton | L |
| Wheeler | W |
| Hammond High | W |
| Munster | L |
| Michigan City Marquette | W |
| Oregon-Davis | L |
| Gavit | W |
| Calumet | L |
| Highland | L |
| Lowell | W |
| Clark | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Whiting | W |
| Munster (Sectionals) | L |

Up and in. Sophomore Pam Stanford goes up for a basket in a heated game against Lowell. Scoring points for your team is not as easy as it seems because players are constantly pressured by the opponents.

I've got it! Jayme Davis and Michelle Castillo jump in the air, fighting the other team for posession of the ball. Struggles like this often end up on a jump ball.

# MOVING ON

Starting off slow, struggling, and building up to a winning team seems to have become the trademark of the Griffith Basketball Program. It may take a while but once the team gells, watch out! The crowds grow to show their support and are greeted with a satisfying swish as ball meets basket.

The turning point in the season came with the GHS 58-56 win over Chesterton. Junior Mark Osmulski explains, "In the Chesterton game we finally gelled, we played well as a team and worked together."

After that the Panthers went on to some exciting, thrilling wins. One of these was the second game against Calumet. The Warriors came to Panther country psyched with the hope of capturing the Conference title. But the Panthers were ready for them since they were playing for a sixteen year high in conference games.

Up and down the court, the players raced to the crowd's alternating chants of "Let's go Panthers" and "Defense, defense." The cagers sunk the baskets in order to sink the Warriors in an 70-65 upset of their conference hopes. Coach Jerry Gurrado had this to say about the game, "The game against Calumet was one of the more exciting. The crowd was huge and a big help, but the main thing was that it (the win) showed how well we really could do as a team. It confirmed what we felt after the Chesterton game."

One of the main things Coach Gurrado stresses with his team is the importance of playing together, communicating with each other to help keep things flowing. Gurrado commented, "We don't have an incredibly athletic team but we have a lot of people who play certain parts very well. When we put everything together it's like a Picasso, abstract but beautiful, take one or two pieces away and it's just a child's finger painting."

Senior Phil Katona commented on team communication, "At the beginning of the season everyone kept everything inside of themselves or quarrelled behind each other's back. Slowly we overcame that, you can see it in the outcome, in the way we compliment each other and talk to each other more, and we play better."

Much awaited slam dunks, high intensity crowds, and recovering injuries had the hoopsters on the upswing on the road to sectionals. But their hopes were dashed against the backboards as the Panthers fell to the Lake Central Indians, - to put them out of the competition. As Coach Gurrado put it, "The loss against L.C. left a bad taste in everyone's mouth, like a rotten cherry in the middle of your dessert. We didn't play up to potential and the loss took away from our regular season."

Junior Joe Sainato ex-

Out of my way buddy boy, I'm coming through! Junior Mark Osmulski barrels his way down court past a Crown Point defender to move the ball into position for a shot

Varsity Basketball and Cheerleaders. Back Row, Jeff Strack, Sean Farley, Mike Jovanovich, Mark Osmulski, Jeff Burke. Second Row, Joe Sainato, Matt Barrett, Doug Keen, Alex Djukic, Bill Polites. Third Row, Branko Stepanovich, Gerry Gurrado, Donna Mirda, Coach Dilling, Mike Mostello. Fourth Row, Brett Zabek, Monica Taylor, Karen Hoffman, Matt Marcus. Front Row, Kylee McLellan, Mary Hoffman, Deanne Tanis, Denise Hochsteller, and Colleen Diangio

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| Crown Point | 51 | 57 |
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| River Forest | 88 | 64 |
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| Lowell | 68 | 82 |
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| Hobart | 79 | 86 |
| Ham. Gavit | 56 | 53 |
| Lake Central | 61 | 75 |

But, Coach, even he saw that it wasn't my fault! Coach Jerry Gurrado and player, junior Mike Jovanovich discuss a recent call.

Here, ya want the ball? Psyche! Junior Matt Barrett uses the old "guess where I'm looking" trick to fake out his opponent as he passes the ball.

Flying high now! Junior Mike Jovanovich reaches for the sky as he tries to give Griffith control of the jump ball. Mike is also Griffith's own slam dunk king.


Shoot for two! Junior guard Joe Sainato gets ready to shoot a two-pointer to try and catch up with the Crown Point Bulldogs.

Quick sidestep. Sophomore Alex Djukic quickly skirts his Calumet defender. Griffith overcame Calumet in this 70-65 win.

Yeah! Nice call Ref! Juniors Mike Jovanovich and Matt Barrett are happy about a call made on the other side of the court.

plained, "We didn't get into the sync of things as a team. They hit all their shots and we couldn't hit anything."

Even with the loss at sectionals most thoughts about the season are good. As Coach Gurrado said, "If you balance everything out, the good, the bad, and the ugly, you can see we've had a pretty good year."

Sophomore Alex Djukic agreed by saying, "I thought we had a very successful year. There were tough times at some points but we stuck to it and came through to make it a winning season."

Behind the scenes, basketball is a game that takes a lot of skill, a lot of talent and a lot of practice. The guys can't just throw the ball up and hope it somehow gets in the basket. They have to practice until they are sure it will go in. So, many hours will be spent at the courts this summer, either alone or with friends, but they'll be there. Also, in order to improve their game for next year some of the returning players will be invited to play in the Lake County Summer League along with other players from Griffith's sectional competition. This will put extra polish on the rough edges in expectation of next season.

All this extra practice will come in handy and help the many sophomores that will move up to the varsity level next year. A few have already reached this goal and are very happy about it. Djukic commented, "I feel very privileged by playing varsity as an underclassman. It's a lot of pressure, but I do my best and I realize that the more experience I get, the better it is for me."

But, now the crowd's roar is gone and the squeak of the hightops is dying away and the gym floor is only used for physical education classes and the janiters have swept up the last piece of popcorn. The memories will linger here for the seniors who will leave and their coach had this to say, "I hope the team will look back on this season with good memories, they did well. But everything adds up, last year we learned to crawl, this year we learned to walk, and next year we're going to run like hell!"

Award recipients this year were: Most improved, Jeff Strack; Best attitude, Doug Keen; Most valuable player, Sean Farley; Mr. Hustle, Sean Farley and Joe Sainato; Mr. Defense, Matt Barrett; Super Sub, Jeff Strack; Leading assists, Joe Sainato; Rebound leader, Sean Farley; Leading scorer, Sean Farley; Field goal percent leader, Sean Farley; and Free throw percent leader, Matt Barrett. Some even had the honor of being chosen in All Conference, on second team Sean Farley was chosen, Honorable Mention was Mike Jovanovich, Mark Osmulski, and Joe Sainato. Academic All Conference winners were Mark Osmulski and Jeff Strack.

Hang on to the ball like this! Coach Gurrado gives a quick pep talk to the team during a time out.

# STARTING OFF

Wet, muddy trails in the woods, long vigorous practices, and a lot of personal satisfaction. What does all of this add up to? Griffith High School's first Girls Cross Country team. After many years of unsuccessful effort, the athletic department finally gathered enough athletes to form a team. When asked, Coach Sherri Volkman commented, "The hardest part of forming the team was recruiting and convincing girls to at least try it."

Junior Mary Tingley stated, "I felt proud to be a part of the first team." This attitude seemed to be shared by all of the team members.

Because of its size and the fact that it was a new addition to the school, many people were not even aware of the team. Senior Susan Kwasny said, "We didn't get much support at all. No one was really aware of us."

At the beginning of the season, Coach Volkman gave each of the girls one simple goal. She explained, "I wanted each of them as individuals to knock off time at each race. No pressures, they were first competing with themselves."

Because of the team's size and many injuries, the girls were only competing in the races for personal bests. Senior Becki Baker explained, "Because of the injuries, we were considered too small to qualify as a team. They let us race anyway. We just were not counted on the overall results."

Despite some major setbacks, the girls felt like the season was a true success for many reasons. "The best part about it was being able to say that I did it. It was a big accomplishment." Kwasny said.

Coach Volkman had this to say about the season. It was basically our first year to have a cross country team it was a learning year. I felt that the team narrowed down to six very special and dedicated girls. I was very happy with their progress."

As for accomplishing goals this season, every athlete was successful. All of the girls were able to bring down their times in the races throughout the season.

Although the season was dampened by its size and many injuries the team agreed on the fact that this was a very important as well as successful season for many reasons. Kwasny pointed out, "I feel that together as a team we were able to develop a good base for future teams."

Coach Volkman summed up her thoughts on the overall season when she said, "They (the girls) have all become much stronger and really improved and I love being a part of it."

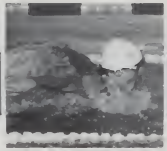
Almost there! Senior Susan Kwasny and Mary Tingley pace each other during a cross country practice. Runners help each other by running together, pushing the other on.

Left to right: Coach Sherry Volkman Becki Baker, Susan Kwasny, Diane Kendall, Pam Wiltfong, Mary Tingley

Junior Diane Kendall jogs through a difficult course during a meet. Because of the long courses and the large amount of people involved, a cross country meet can often become a race against the clock.

Practice makes perfect! Senior Becky Baker sprints through the grass, building her speed and endurance for upcoming races. Workouts before races are just as important as the race itself

A race for the finish. Senior Becky Baker, Sophomore Adrienne Bolgeski and Junior Diane Kendall jog through Oak Ridge Prairie, training for the upcoming season.



# UP FOR AIR

Wake up at 4:30 in the morning then willingly throw yourself into a pool of cold water and swim up and down the lanes for several miles-sounds good? If you are a member of the boys swim team you had better get used to it because it happens weeks before the season even starts. This in addition to weight training three mornings a week makes swimming sound very unappealing, but it is well worth it for the few who join swimming.

The boys swim team, again this year, struggled with its small size. "The team started with only five, but we ended up with over a dozen," said senior Chris Gillespie. Despite the teams small size they managed to have a successful season. The size seemed at the beginning of the season to be an obstacle too large to overcome, but the team beat the numbers and achieved a winning record. The teams final record was 9-7.

"It was hard for us with so few people, but we had three times the wins than we did last year," said junior Co-captain Darin Anderson.

One problem that the team didn't have to contend with was team spirit. This was one of the main reasons last year's team was not as successful. "Everyone had a good attitude and wanted to do their best," said junior co-captain Dan Dewar.

The team also had Wayne Govert as a new head coach this year. Jeff Ritter served as assistant coach and Doug Price completed the staff as diving coach. "I think that they learned a lot this year," commented Dewar

Although swimming is a team sport, personal achievement plays a large part. Many swimmers focus their training on beating personal bests by cutting times. "I am very pleased with the way the season went for me during the year," said Anderson, "I reached most of the goals that I set for myself at the start of the year."

Dewar was also pleased with his performance this year and said "I felt that I did better than I anticipated. I dropped a lot of time off of last years."

Sectionals proved to be a hard test of the teams mettle. Senior Dan Leslie got third place in Sectionals and qualified for the state competition. Several others did well, but fell short of making State. "Sectionals were really fun," said Anderson, "Everyone went and gave it their best. We also had a good time doing it I think it showed in our results. A lot of people did well dropping time from their personal bests," he added.

The future looks bright for the swim team. "I think that the team has a lot of potential for next year. We are losing only two seniors and we hopefully will gain others," said Anderson

Sophomore Brent Butler strives to reach his goal, Training may be difficult but the extra work pays off in the long run. Morning practices really add miles to the training schedule.

Back Row: Chris Gillespie, Dan Lesile, Dan Dewar, Darin Anderson, Steve McDemott, Coach Jeff Ritter Middle Row: Brent Butler, Jim Gordon, Jason White, Chris Bogner, Coach Wayne Govert Front Row: Tim Meele, Doug Gillespie, Ken Charleston, Brian Sweeny, Keith Harwood, Mgr. Jen King

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| E.C. Central | W |
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Junior Dan Dewar takes a breath as he looks anxiously to see the results of the last race

Sophomore Ken Charleston cuts through the water with great speed toward the finish hoping to get some much needed points.

# STRIVING FOR PAR

Get out you driver, tee up the ball, line up the shot, swing the club, chase down the ball, choose your club, looks like a five iron, swing, hit, replace the divot, walk to the sand pit where your ball landed, aim the wedge just right, on to the green 4 feet from the hole, measure the lie of the green, sink the putt. Congratulations, you've just achieved par for hole number one.

This seems, to an uninformed observer, to be simple, but it is one of the most skill oriented sports that there is.

This year's golf team seemed to have a slight problem with the season. Many of the golfers seem to think that they team hasn't reached its full potential this year. "Golf has been fun this year." said senior Ryan Carrell. The team has not been as competitive as we had hoped, but we have had fun. Personally I am playing okay, but I could be better.

"There haven't really been any highlights this year," said junior Gregg McCauley, "We've had a couple of fair matches but none that could be considered really good."

Other problems limited the team's performance this year which kept the win/loss ratio low. Many of our losses came by way of Tri-duel matches," said Coach Keith Shorb. "If we play poor in one of these matches (as opposed to a duel match) the team ends up with two losses. Our better scores have been during duel matches.

The weather seemed to be a problem with the teams limited success. "I really feel that the the severe spring weather hurt our play," Shorb said, "As a team we never adjusted well and we shot poorly.

Scoring consistently was also a another problem. The major problem this season has been to get consistent scores from our players. For example, we had this happen several times, a player would shoot a 62 for nine holes one day and then seven days later shoot a 42." said coach Shorb, "The season was filled with large swings in scores. we needed a player that could provide a consistent score."

"When one or two of the guys would be having a good round, the others would be playing poorly," commented junior Gregg McCauley.

The sectional will prove to be the real test of the team. "I still think our four seniors could play well in the sectional," said Shorb. Rob Shinkle, Tom Zapinski, Ryan Carrell, and Mike Anderson, are capable of shooting 40 to 42. It would be nice if they could all do it on the same day." he later commented.

Of course winning isn't everything. "Although the win/loss record is not very good the players have been very enjoyable to play with and to coach," said Shorb, "The losses weren't fun but the time spent with the team was.

Come on just a little bit further. Senior Ryan Carrell lines up a putt hoping to get par. It's aggravating when the ball misses the hole by a little margin.

Back row: Coach Keith Shorb, Dan Bruss, Gregg McCauley, Ryan Carrell; Tom Zapinski, Front row: Rob Shinkle, Mike Anderson, Andy Wroblewski., Dan Dewar.

If I hit it like this it should go right down the line in the hole. Junior Dan Dewar plans out his strategy for his next shot. Aim is very important in this game

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| Claumet | W |
| Crown Point | L |
| Munster | L |
| Andean | L |
| Morton | W |
| Portage | L |
| Lake Station | W |

Where did that ball go? Junior Jason Hendrix searches for his ball after teeing off. It's hard to carry a bag of clubs all around while looking for his ball.

Concentrate on the ball and don't take your eyes off of it. Coach Keith Shorb advises senior Tom Zapinski on his putting chots.

# JUST FOR KICKS

"Every year, every team has its ups and downs. We've been fortunate that our ups far outnumber our downs," said soccer coach, Ron Knestrict.

The 1989 season proved to be a surprising one. Senior co-captain Brian Phillips commented, "We did a lot better this season than we thought we'd do and we could have done a lot better. We goofed off too much at practices and sometimes we weren't serious enough."

The Panther defense seemed to be their key to success with senior co-captains Brian Phillips and Ron Knestrict. Aiding the strong defense are senior Dan Leslie and juniors Troy Lolkema, Ryan Davis. Phillips added, "We have a sound defense. We only let up seven goals in nine games."

Senior Dan Leslie said, "Our most exciting game was against Andrean. We tied in the last few minutes and then went into overtime. The final score was Andrean 1- Griffith-1." This year's outstanding players are co-captains Ronnie Knestrict and Brian Phillips. Promising players are junior Ryan Davis and sophomore Andy Lane.

Leslie said, "One of our major weak points was that we had trouble working together as a team. I think we could improve a great amount if we could work together more instead of using individual skills all of the time." Leslie agreed with Phillips by adding, "If I could change one thing, I think it would be our attitudes towards our games and especially our practices. The team tended to goof around at practices and not take them seriously at all. I think this hurt us tremendously."

Knestrict commented, "The team is well-balanced with skill and experience. Our largest problem is scoring. However, combined with our returning players, we have a number of promising J.V. players coming up for the 1990 season. I expect Griffith's soccer team to remain very competitive next year."

Junior Matt Galocy said, "This season really flew by. We were a little disappointed to end up in third place. Next season will be tough since we're losing Brian and Ronnie, but I'm looking forward to it. If we take our practices more seriously and work together, we should have a good season. There are still a lot of promising team members who are moving up. I'm pretty confident that next year will go well, not only at practices, but also at games. It will take a lot of teamwork, but it will really pay off."

Senior Ron Knestrict prepares to cross the ball with authority to the forwards running to the ball on the attempt to score.

Back row (left to right) Coach Ron Knestrict, Mike Lake, Troy Lolkema, Andy Lane, Aaron Cheffer, Chris Swatts, Dave Crossley, Matt Lake. Assistant Coach Cordell Funk; second row (left to right) Dan Leslie Ron Knestrict, Brian Phillips, Matt Galocy Eric Dec, Ryan Davis, Matt Barrett, Mike Steele, Kevin Kunzel; third row (left to right) Brian Jemson, Eric Wooderd, Eric Messmer, Greg Uhler, Keith Dills, Tim Garvey, Kevin Harder, Chris Moriarty, Ed Helleyeck

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Sophomore goalis Dave Crossley takes out a Morton player while trying to make a save, as sophomore Eric Messmer runs to avoid the collision.

Sophomore Andy Lane scores on goal to tie Morton with a score of 4-4. Lane practices on his free time to perfect a strong direct shot. The Panthers put in extra hours to improve their game.

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| Lake Central | l |
| E. C. Central | w |

Concentration is an important skill needed in the sport of tennis. Junior Pam Muha has learned this through her many years of playing.

Swoosh and contact. Junior Cathy Kleimola aims to hit the tennis ball during practice for a crucial game that is about to begin. Timing is very important in tennis.

# SWINGING HIGH

"Our season this year was up and down. With the adjustment of having a new coach, the team didn't adapt well," says senior Toni Morrison.

The girls' tennis team did have a new face this year with the coming of Coach Tim Maluga. Adapting to a new coach can be difficult as Morrison explains, "The team could not relate well to Coach Maluga because they were so used to Mr. Dixon."

But senior Marilyn Marszalek commented encouragingly, "Mr. Dixon is no longer our coach which is a sad loss, but Coach Maluga works a lot on strategy. I hope he will be able to help the team with smart tennis."

Other problems facing the team this year was their lack of experience. The team consisted of three returning letter-winners, with only two of those being seniors. Even though their numbers and experience was small the team's spirit was great as Morrison commented, "Although most of the team had virtually no experience, we all coped and did fairly well."

Marszalek also commented, "The team this year was very close and we had a lot of fun. I'm really going to miss it next year."

Tennis players often strive for a great personal season as well as a great team season. The doubles teams work hard together to elevate their season and the singles do the same individually. Although they might come out on the top or bottom the players have given hours of hard work and effort. As Marszalek put it, "In order to be good you need to practice, but to be great you have to be willing to make a lot of personal sacrifices."

The two seniors had rather tough personal seasons. Trying to be leaders of a young team and working with a new coach this late in their tennis career was very difficult. Morrison says, "I felt my season was o.k. but it wasn't what I'd hoped for, especially in playing conference matches. I wanted to achieve a lot this year, but I guess I didn't give my 110% effort."

Marszalek felt her season was a little more satisfying, "I had a good season this year. At a lot of matches I'd lose in the third set which is tough."

Tennis is a very demanding and difficult sport. It sometimes requires more than just athletic skill. It requires speed, hand-eye coordination, endurance, strength and accuracy. Since this was a rebuilding year for the tennis team they are definitely hoping for these qualities to develop and click for the younger players in the years to come.

All in all the season went well. However, one of the more memorable wins was a very small victory. Morrison explains, "Once again I stole Chesterton's waterbottle. It's a tradition I cherish when we lose to them!"

Senior Toni Morrison carefully judges the ball as she waits for the exact moment to crush the ball back to her opponent in her opening service.

Senior Marilyn Marszalek skilifully returns the ball to her opponent. Marszalek hopes to play on a college tennis team next year.

BAck row: Marilyn Marszalek, Pam Muha, Cathy Kleimola, Second row: Mara Trivononic, NIcole Bowron, Mary Todd, Front row: Toni Morrison, Kelli Muniz.

Sophomore Gabrielle Juhasz paces herself as she runs around the track working on passing her opponents. She was one of the four runners that made up the distance relay at Griffith Relays.

UP and out! Sophomore Chris Zebracki soars through the air hoping for a good jump to put her ahead of her opponents during competition. Speed and timing are important for lung jumpers.

Seniors Dawn Brown and Paula Christensen stretch out before practice Stretching before a workout is important to help prevent injuries


Up and Over! Senior Dawna Fryman concentrates as she strides over the hurdles. Not only do hurdles require speed but timing is also essential.

# HANDING OFF

"This year was a learning experience because of all the freshman. Overall, it was a pretty good season." Senior Heather Grabowski summed up this years girls track team. The last couple of years the girls track team has been lacking in numbers. This year, things changed. The large number of freshman along with the upper classmen combined, created a large team with a lot of talent.

The team started with a short but helpful indoor season. The indoor season was to give the athletes some experience competing with the other schools and to train them for the outdoor season.

After the indoor season, the team has an idea about where the strong and weak points are and where the team needs improvements or adjustments. Having an indoor season did have it's bad points.

"Most of our team's setbacks happened during indoor season because of the track conditions such as too many curves. Especially for myself and the other distance runners, it was just too hard to do overdistance running in the fieldhouse," stated Senior Susan Kwasny.

Senior Grabowski told about the setbacks the team experienced during the season. Our main setbacks are our injuries, we could have done better but we tried and that's what counts."

"As far as an outdoor season goes. I feel the weather's been its worst causing us to loose valuable practices and many have been sick due to sore throats from cold meets," explained Kwasny.

Any person who has ever participated in a sport knows that a season always has its low points but also has good points. "Qualifying for Sectionals was the a good point of my season," said junior Diane Kendall.

Head Coach Lee Bollhorst said, "One high point would be the excellent leadership by the seniors. They kept their heads on through the end and had the same dedication and intensity from beginning to end."

Despite the ups and downs of the season, the athletes generally seem to agree on the season as a whole. "The track season has been a little rocky this year. I feel somewhere along the line the teams connection stopped. In the process we have made up for it." Kwasny stated.

Senior Dawn Brown added, "I hope the team can be more as one instead of individuals next year.

At the end of every season, most members of a team can look back and pick out the good and bad. The athletes can also look back and see what needs improving for future years. Seniors can look back on the past and remember. They can also give advice to younger athletes. "Kwasny looked back and suggested, "I want to remind the future track teams the motto 'The best is yet to come'!" Bollhorst summed it up by saying, "I feel great and surprised with this season. I really hope we can improve next year. With all of the seniors leaving, we have big shoes to fill."

First row: left to right; Head Coach Lee Bollhorst, Julie Hedges, Regina Haag, Gabrielle Juhasz, Jenny Seberger, Adrienne Bogaski, Dawn Redmon, Paula Battiner, Heather Grabowski, Laura Raybuck, Dawna Fryman, Rebecca Wisinski, Jenny King, Wendy Mares, Melinda Flemming; Second row: Dana Anderson, Kathy Lach, Jenny Cebulski, Julie Lator, Dori Hobbs, Jessica Macy, Jenny Kerr, Susan Kwasny, Diane Kendall, Alicia Raketich, Heather Smith, Stacy Smith; Third row: Michelle Bodley, Katy McDermott, Chris Zebrack, Mary Tingley, Paula Christerson, Laura Shoulders, Becki Baker, Dawn Brown, Melissa Flemming, Rachel Macy

# JUMPING IN

The sweat drips from your forehead as you make the final turn in the relay. Your heart is pounding, your legs are aching and the finish line is only a couple of steps ahead. As the competition closes in, you feel a sudden surge of energy. After you've plunged across the line ahead of everyone else, you realize how much practice has paid off.

Many people consider running to be an easy task but the track team has learned the hard way that it's not easy. Many hours of practicing and conditioning are spent practicing for upcoming meets.

Some of the runners begin training long before the season begins. In fact, several team members are part of the cross country team while others just condition all year long on their own time.

While some team members were on the track getting ready for the relay, others were on the field preparing for their events. Some such events are the discus, pole vault, shot put, long jump, and the high jump. These events also require a great deal of practice.

Although this year's team didn't win most of their meets, the team members strived for their own personal bests. Senior Mike Letts is one who succeeded in going to the regionsls. While others did not reach the regionals, they did achieve some of the own personal bests.

With several upcoming freshman and sophomores, the team is looking for some better years. Hopefully these rebuilding years will pay off for the team.

Senior Kevin Lee flys through the air during his long jump. He needs to win this in order to help his team win the meet. However, he is striving for a personal best too.


Up! Senior Kevin Lee coaches himself while running the hurdles. This is one of the more difficult track events that requires a lot of practice

Pushing for the finish line, senior Mike. Letts is ahead of the competition. Mike runs the relays for the track team. He succeeded in making it to the regionals.

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| Bishop Noll | L |
| Calumet | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Lake Central | W |
| Highland | L |
| Munster | L |
| Lowell | W |
| Morton | L, W |
| Whiting | W |
| Gavit | W |
| East Chicago | W |
| Clark | W, W |
| Roosevelt | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Crown Point | W |
| Chesteron | L, W |
| Hanover Central | W |
| Hobart | L |

Stretch! Junior, third baseman, Steve Trivunovic jumps high to stop a possible overthrow and another scoring run.

Keep your eyes on the ball. Sophomore Jim Crodek ignores this batting rule as he reflexively dodges a wild pitch.

# WIND UP

Sometimes a little confidence and a couple of wins are all a team needs to get it together and play well. This definitely was the case for the GHS baseball team this season.

The beginning of the season was a very rough and rocky road. Junior Steve Trivunovic explained the situation, "First of all the whole team had a bad attitude about everything. No one on the team, except for a few of us, thought we could win ten games."

Faced with this obvious mental block the team seemed to have a long season ahead. Added to this were the physical problems as junior Chris Foss explained, "At the beginning our batting was very weak. We also had a very young team."

So as the losses built up so did the depression of the dispirited team. But then came a much needed win that turned the season around.

The win came in the team's first game against ranked East Chicago Central. It was an exciting, down-to-the-wire effort. GHS was ahead 6-5 in the last inning. E. C. was up to bat with two outs, all Griffith had to do was hold them. An E. C. player hit a blooper into right field. Senior Brett Zabek made an outstanding diving catch to end the game with GHS still on top.

This win and a few others like it started to change the philosophy of the team. They started to believe in themselves and their ability. Trivunovic commented, "When we started winning, we came together as a team. Then it became exciting and fun to play, not disappointing like before."

When the team's attitude was finally turned around and they began winning and gaining confidence there was no stopping them. The team went on a huge winning streak that lasted mostly until the end of the season.

Besides gaining their confidence the guys developed a different aspect needed to win: they learned how to play together as a team.

Winning and playing as a team are entertwined. Once the guys discovered and applied that they were a good baseball team.

With a few good wins behind them, the team set their sights on sectionals. Since they were improving rapidly they knew they had a shot. Junior Ryan Staniszeski explained, "After we beat East Chicago the first time we thought we could probably beat them in sectionals."

The team was psyched and felt they were ready for their first sectional game. The scheduled games were rained out so they were rescheduled for Monday during school. Unfortunately, E. C. came out on top by the skin of their teeth. In the ninth inning E. C. scored a run. The Panthers lost 1-0.

Strike three! You're out! Junior pitcher, Ryan Staniszeski puts his all behind the pitch in hopes of striking this batter out.

Easy now Sophomore Doug Schneider lays down a sacrifice bunt. The Panthers ended the season with a 14-14 record.

Baseball: Front row: Mary Hoffman, Chris Foss, Keith Galocy, Alan Maugherman, Karen Huddleston. Second row: John Bogner, Scott Sutton, Steve Trivunovic, Alex Djukic, Jason Reyome, Terry Rudzinski. Third row: Brandi Rentschler, Bill Polites, Mark Ballner, Doug Schneider, Ryan Staniszeski, Frank Sanato, Mike Raketich. Back row: Coach Adelsberger, Jason Kosher, Tim Galambos, Phil Kalona, Jim Grosek, Brett Zabek, Coach Anderson

# FINAL FOUR

We made it! For the first time in GHS history a team reached the Final Four. After defeating Hobart, Highland, Lake Central, Bishop Noll and Roncolli in tournament play the girls obtained a berth in the finals where they lost to Twin Lakes.

The season this year has gone rather well. Junior Jennifer Bednar explains, "I feel we're playing pretty good. Our defense is really strong, but our bats only come around on a good day. We've had lots of close games, so we're not getting blown out. We always play tight games."

And speaking of close games, the team had an unusual experience in the game against Hobart. This game went on for twenty-five innings and lasted six hours. Coach Jerry Gurrado explained his emotions during the game, "I have never been through anything like that game before. It was like suspended animation once you got past the sixteenth inning. Then it was sad because you knew one big play would win the whole game." Unfortunately, the big play did not happen for Griffith even though the girls gave their all.

Even though they lost on the scoreboard, the team won because of how well they played together. Junior Laura Preste tells about it, "We were still tired from our game the day before, but the attitudes of everyone were great. It just made you want to keep playing. It was disappointing to lose, but I was happy because we really played as a team."

This game was not only unprecedented in this area but it broke the state record for the longest game. This brought wide-spread recognition to the team and gave the girls an even bigger sense of accomplishment.

The girls have been through other close, tense games this year. The day before the Hobart game the team faced their big rival, Highland. This game lasted for ten innings, but finally ended in a 3-2 loss for Griffith. Even though some of these tight games have been lost the girls are still proud because they have given their all.

"Our team plays together well. There is a certain sense of care and commitment towards the team and their teammates. They have a great deal of pride of being on the team and the sport," says Coach Gurrado.

The girls do share a sense of togetherness. Working hard for a common goal brings them very close. Bednar commented, "Being with the team is like a family. We all stick together. Winning together has to be the most satisfying part of being on the team."

Preste agreed by saying, "Being on the team is a lot of hard work, but it's all worth it. Probably the best part of being on the team is after a big win I feel good because we've worked so hard for it."

Junior, first baseman, Jayme Davis Stretches to reach the ball in order to tag the runner who has taken a large lead-off First baseman must stay on their toes.

Back row JV Coach Dave Bronson. Laura Preste, Tricia Butler, Julie Palmer, Carey Rockhill, Tricia Turner, Stacy, Baker, Christine Roye, Jayme Davis, Becky Fuehrer, Michelle Castillo, Deanne Tanis, Jennifer Bednar, Coach Jerry Gurrado, Second row. Pam Stanford, Lisa Osmulski, Danielle Hansen, Amy Strack, Jenny Saculla, Aimee Smith, Collene Mull, Jennifer Bubala, Front row Michele Zebracki, Cheryl Schoenborn, Candi Hall, Denise Castillo, Corey Herdina, Tricia Roye, Kim Fulkerson.


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"Strike three. You're outta there!" Junior Michele Castillo often hears these words after delivering her furious pitches.

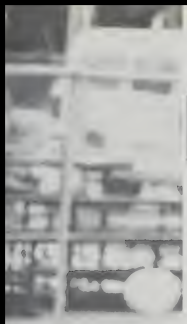
"Safe at Home!" is the call as junior Laura Preste skillfully slides into home plate after the ball is over thrown. Along with skill, a player needs luck.

"Keep your chin up! can often be heard from the sidelines from Coach Gurrado Junior Laura Preste does that as she is ready to send the ball sailing.

Senior Stacy Baker catches the ball and quickly puts the tag on the Lake Central baserunner.

Ugh! Senior Becky Fuehrer makes a great catch on a fly ball while sophomore Pam Stanford hurries to back her up.

Sophomore Danielle Hanson is trying to strike this L.C. batter out. Griffith's field this year was changed to a no-grass infield.



Besides talent the team has an abundance of spirit. Preste explained, "Our team has a lot of of spirit. There's always someone hyped, and if someone is down, there's only always a teammate to pick you up. One thing I like is that we don't get down on each other for errors like other teams I've seen."

High school softball at Griffith is rather new although most of the girls have been playing in summer league since third grade. Gurrado says, "I think the fact that most of the girls play summer ball is really good. Although the girls do have a hard time switching at the end of the year. There is not so much intensity, it's more laid back. Many of the girls play on traveling teams also, so the mental conditioning of school ball really helps then."

Not everything has gone according to plan this year, though The team has suffered from many injuries and a lot of illness. Senior Tricia Turner has been out out most of the season, senior Julie Palmer was injured as well as junior Carey Rockhill and many others. Gurrado has also had a problem with keeping his team healthy. Between these problems Coach Gurrado says that he has had his starting best players on the field for only one game.

Even though team is a team and they should be considered as one unit there are some individuals who have had outstanding seasons. Junior, first baseman, Jayme Davis has a shot at a couple of defensive records, senior Stacy Baker has had a dynamic season with five school records, she is also one of the leading hitters. Another great batter on the team is is senior Becky Fuehrer who has tied the record for a number of triples.

When all the talents are blended together with the team's solid pitching and outstanding defense, Griffith is a team to be reckoned with on the field. Gurrado says, "Out team has been ranked as high as seventeenth in the state this year. We will probably finish third or higher in our conference."

The up and coming varsity stars, now known as the J.V. are full of potential. Under the new coaching of Coach Dave Bronson the team has done will. Although sophomore Jennifer Bubala said, "It was really a tough change form Mr. Carstensen Every coach has a different style and its always hard to adjust."

A new happening this year was that there were no injuries on the Junior Varsity. The team consisted totally of sophomores and freshman. A big accomplishment for the J.V. was their record, they went undefeated, 12-0.

So both teams have had a good season and turned some heads towards Griffith and our team.

"I got it" is shouted from the field to lessen the confusion over a fly ball. Senior Julie Palmer snags this one.

# ON THE SIDELINES

Give me a G! Give me a H! Give me a S!" shout the cheerleaders. Then the fans throughout the gym respond, "GHS!" Leading the crowd in chants and providing entertainment at the games has become more widespread in the past few years. Not only are girls interested, but also guys have become an important part. "I used to watch the lifters perform last year and it looked like a lot of fun. So, I decided to try out this year," said senior J.J. Boylan. "Being the only guy on the squad who wasn't a senior was kind of weird. I just hope we have a good enough turn out to have a squad next year," said sophomore Matt Marcus.

An effort is being made by the cheerleaders and lifters to raise our school's spirit more. "The squads have become more involved with the teams recently. They have had breakfasts for the teams, decorated their houses, and have decorated the locker room. Also, they seem to be more appreciated. Crowd enthusiasm seems to be growing every year and I think that the use of the lifters, more mounts, and overall more dedication are the major factors," said cheerleading and lifting sponser Miss Julie Marcinek.

They teach and attend camps during the summer, practice for and attend all of the football games, and then the lifters join in with the practices and games during basketball season. So this is a year round sport. "It seems like I am always busy with cheerleading but I don't mind because I really like it," said senior Mary Hoffman. "Cheerleading has its ups and downs, but overall the time spent with it is worth it," said junior Colleen Dangelo.

There is normally a large crowd at the varsity games, but on the junior varsity level there are a lot less people coming out to see the team. This is true for both football and basketball. "There isn't very much of a crowd at our JV games but I still like going out there and having a good time with my friends, said junior Lesley Stupeck. "Just like with all of our other sports, junior varsity helps prepare you for varsity. With practice comes better things," said senior Deanne Tanis.

Backing up your team can give players that extra drive to the basket or that faster run to make a touchdown. These seventeen people really believe in that. Some people come to a game and they cheer if their team does something well but only when they do something well. The cheerleaders and lifters are always cheering no matter how good or bad the team is doing. Even when the team loses, their cheers can always be heard coming from the sidelines.

From photo above: Junior Kristen Reyome soars to new heights as she does a jump called the herky. Hard work and dedication goes into performing for each game

Panther fans in the stands if you've got spirit, clap your hands! Juniors Genny Huddleston and Lesley Stupeck try to get their crowd motivated at a JV game.

Junior Varsity cheerleaders: 1st row-Genny Huddleston 2nd row-Katrina Gasper, Dana Anderson, Alicia Raketich. 3rd row-Lesley Stupeck.

1-2-3 and up! Some of the varsity rush into a pyramid after doing a cheer during a time-out at a basketball game. Much concentration goes into doing these.

On the sidelines, the cheerleaders cheer on the winning team at the Homecoming game against Calumet. The panthers went on to beat the warriors 48-6.


Give me a P! Give me an A! The cheerleaders yell while the lifters try not to stumble over one another as they form their next letter on the gym floor.

Varsity cheerleaders and lifters: front row-Kylee McLellan, Denise Hochstetler, Mary Hoffman, Colleen Dangelo, Deanne Tanis, Kristen Reyome. back row-Keith Galocy, Mike Mostello, J.J. Boylan, Branko Stepanovich, Brett Zabek, Matt Marcus.

# Running Shorts

## RALLIES

Screaming students, loud music from the band, excited athletes and a lot of school spirit. This used to be the scene of a usual Griffith High School pep rally. Recently they have become a very controversial topic and many are looking for a change.

Usually the goal of a pep rally is to psyche up fans, athletes, and coaches, and to show the athletes that the school is behind them. Many students, teachers, coaches and even athletes have been disappointed after attending the last few pep rallies at Griffith. Students didn't seem to seem to be as involved, the crowd booed, and students even went as far a to show more support for the rivals.

Senior football players, Derek Tucker and Gojko Cucuz watch the cheerleaders as they perform their routine in the pep rally. Pep rallies have been very controversial lately.

Junior Brian Messmer had this to say when asked about his opinion about doing away with the pep rallies because of the apparent lack of cooperation. "I think we should keep having them because most everyone likes them. I like them but there are a few bad apples that act stupid."

Although many feel that G.H.S. should continue having pep rallies, there are others that feel differently. After some trouble with a rally held during the football season, the basketball team was not allowed to have one for sectionals. Many feel that this was unfair because they feel rallies are very effective. Sophomore Tina Kilgore commented, "They get everybody psyched up before a game and give the players confidence and let them know we're behind them!"

## Super Bowl

With flames and riots going on, many football fans wondered if there would be a Super Bowl XXIII in Miami, Florida. However, San Francisco and Cincinnati faced off as planned.

It was predicted to be one of the best Super Bowl games yet, However, high hopes began to sink in the first 45 minutes of the game. Just when Sunday afternoon couch potatoes began to get bored, Joe Montana stepped in to save the day and the game. He completed 23 passes out of 36. Out of three Super Bowl games, he has never thrown an interception.

Montana wasn't the only important player in the game for the 49ers. Jerry Rice, wide receiver, stunned them all. With an impaired ankle he had to rely on quick, easy runs. However, Rice didn't let that get him down, not only did he play football but he played a few mind games, too. His tendency to fake out the opponent probably made the game.

The 49ers weren't the only good players on the field though. The Bengals had their good moments as well. As the game entered the fourth quarter, the score was tied 6-6. One Bengal's player, Stanford Jennings, ran a TD for his Super Bowl Eve newborn.

The Bengals then led, 13-6 and every spectator began to sit on the edge of his seat. Rice and Montana then took off and tied the game up again. With three minutes left on the clock Cincinnati made a field goal to take the lead.

As the game ended with San Francisco 49ers as the champs, many praised Montana on his performance, as he should have been. This quarterback not only had the respect of his team, the spectators, and coaches, but also the respect of his opponents.

What did you say? Junior Ryan Staniszeski looks on to the coach?

# *The Big* Ten

It started out with 64 teams and only one ends up the victor. This year the Michigan Wolverines claimed the NCAA championship by edging out the Seton Hall Pirates by a score of 80-79 in overtime. Probably, one of the top thrilling games of all.

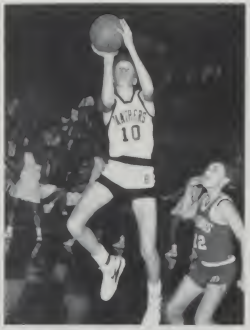
Michigan came out strong with Glen Rice and Rumeal Robinson leading the Wolverines. But Seton Hall fought their way back as John Morton was sinking everything he put up. The Pirates found a one point lead with a little less than four minutes to go. Rice then hit an amazing three-point shot with less than 30 seconds in regulation play. Morton tied the game by hitting a three-pointer. Michigan missed the opportunity to win in regulation.

Andrew Gage and Morton hit 3 point shots and to looked to many that the Pirates would come away with the win. The Pirates' lead was then cut to one. Morton missed a shot with 14 seconds left to play. Robinson come down with the rebound. In a desperate attempt Gerald Green found Robinson.

With three seconds left in overtime, Robinson sunk both free throws. The final desperation shot by Daryl Walker fell short. For Steve Fischer the interm coach at the time, but now head coach, the win had to be the highlight of the beginning of is career as head coach of Michigan.

It was Big Ten vs. Big Ten as Michigan and Illinois battled it out with Michigan just proving to be too much for the Fightin' Illini.

Danny Ferry ended his brilliant basketball career as Duke lost to Seton Hall.




Up and in! Sophomore Brian Wehye jumps to make a shot in hopes of evening the score. The opponent looks on in awe. Precision timing is essential.

# Practices

Waking up early every day during summer vacation, spending hours after school, or watching everything you do for months. These are some of the things that an athlete must do, at least if they want their team to be successful.

Some students at GHS are involved in two and sometimes three sports that take up the entire school year. Sports such as football require training for long hours during the summer and season and weight training during the off season. Cross country calls for year round training, while sports such as swimming makes use of morning practices. Sports like baseball, softball, volleyball and golf require refining of skill as opposed to endurance, while others like soccer and basketball take both skill and stamina.

No matter what the sport, training is a necesary part to its success.

Up and over! Senior Andy Huss hits the ball back into the other side of the court. Andy spent many hours after school practicing for games.

# Counting Heads

As 625 students roamed the halls from class to class, 625 personalities met and either clashed or clicked, however, just as each kid is different so is each year and the people who pass through here.

Many of the students here are from cultures totally different from our own. The variety allows students to choose what kind of people they want to be as well as a chance to see how other people live. Our small circle of friends grew even larger as we welcomed students from India, Finland, and other places from our own country.

The students from our own U.S.A. were also introduced to a totally different environment. The transition from one school to another is always difficult whether it be from Finland or Texas. The slang is different as well as the climate, people, town, and high school.

However new students weren't the only people who made new friends. Students became friends with new people in a new class. This year students didn't have to worry if their new found friends would be in the same lunch with them. There was only one lunch hour this year.

As the 1989 school year came to an end, students began counting down the days especially seniors. This is the end of what is said to be the best time in their lives. From GHS they will go on to build a new world, or save the one we have.

**PERSONALITY + BRAINS =**

No! Did he really say that? Senior Sue Kwasny talks to a friend over lunch about the activities of the day. Many students have a friend they can confide in whether they be male or female.

And that concludes you morning announcements. Some people choose to be different by being heard by the entire school over the speaker. This junior high student intends to be heard as she reeads the announcements.


The hallways were always filled with students telling each other the latest gossip. Mrs. Sharon Smith, English department head, makes her way through the hall during passing time.

# PEOPLE

*Dreams Of Our Teachers*

# Are Revealed

When you were younger there was some aspiration or dream of becoming something you really wanted to be. But, does anybody really wonder what our teachers wanted to be before entering the teaching profession?

Mr. William Birk, Economics teacher, said, "I would like to be a farmer. If someone came along and offered me the chance to become a farmer I would do it in a minute, though farmers don't get a very good return (about four percent) I just would like to sit on a tractor and watch the dirt turn over."

"I would have liked to gone into something in the medical field," said Child Development teacher Mrs. Iona Glassford. "But, my Chemistry grade was poor and I was kind of afraid to go into that field. But, I really do not have any regrets because I love teaching. But, sometimes I wonder if the reason my daughter is going into the medical field because of my love of medicine, but she reassures me that if she didn't want to go into medicine, she wouldn't."

Mr. Carl Dalton, psychology, and sociology teacher said, "I would have liked to become a farmer. I like physical labor. In the summertime they can fish and in the winter they can hunt. If I could go back it would be a pull between becoming a farmer or a teacher."

Mrs. Margie Keithley, Home Economics teacher, said, "I would have liked to become an occupational therapist. They work with people who have artifical limbs and help them learn how to use them. I got the idea when I candy striped for two years, but it was the most thoroughly depressing experience in my life. I just couldn't handle all of that depression. I'm a happy person and I needed a more uplifting job. But, I admire the brave people who go into the OT profession, because I was too soft-hearted to watch the children struggle to get from one place to another or just to go get a toy. I would just go get it for them and they told me I couldn't do that. But, if I could do it all over again I would be an interior designer or a sleazy television star for a soap opera. I've always wanted to go into the television business."

So, take time to think about it. If our teachers were not here at GHS teaching us today, where would they be?

Mr. Dick Reyome said, "Since my jr. year in high school I've wanted to become a teacher." He now fulfilled his dream by becoming a business teacher here.

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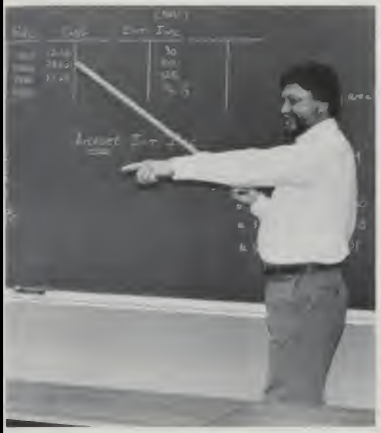

"When I was little I wanted to be a professional baseball player. But, in college I wanted to be an aeronautical engineer," said Mr. Dick Koval. He is now teaching business courses and is happy.

Being a mechanical engineer was Mr. Joseph Glassford's dream. But, the wrong classes in high school has now led him to teaching auto shop which he enjoys.

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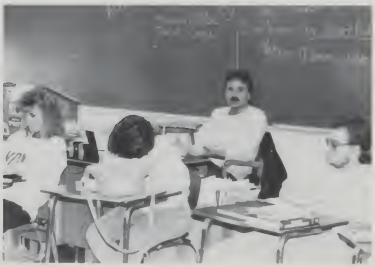
Mr. Les Thornton, history teacher and head football coach, gives his class their next history assignment while he also has to plan for football.

Seniors Sue Kwasny, Lisa Gniadek and Paul Burdsell listen and take notes while Mr. Jerry Gurrado teacher/coach discusses their government plans.



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*Teachers Doing Double Time*

# Teaching And Coaching

Being a teacher can and usually is a job in itself, but some choose to double their work by being a coach and a teacher. These teacher/coaches tell the ups and downs of doing both.

Mr. Dick Reyome, asst. football coach and Marketing and I.C.E. teacher said, "There is a lot of pressure being both (a coach and a teacher), but a lot of it is how much you put on yourself and I want to do justice to everything."

"Sometimes some of the littlest things can't get done because there isn't enough time and you can't create more of it," said Mr. Jerry Gurrado, Government, history teacher and head boys' basketball coach.

Head football coach and history teacher Mr. Les Thornton, said, "A lot of the stress is self-imposed."

With the pressures felt by them, there has to be something to counterbalance all of it.

Thornton said, "It is very important to have interests outside coaching. Also, some kind of exercise program to help you relax."

"A coach can't operate on a constant diet of adrenaline," said Gurrado. "You must remember that there are so many outside factors that can add to your own feelings."

Reyome said, "I never realized how much pressure a coach felt, especially a head coach. I'm lucky though, because Mr. Thornton doesn't put a lot of pressure on me."

"As a coach you get rated on a finished product which is right, I guess. I'm going to get blamed for the wrong and they are going to be praised for the right as it should be. But, I'm just like a proud parent," stated Gurrado, because coaches have to remember that we are coaching people not a sport."

"But, I think who really deserves a lot of credit are the wives of the coaches. They have a lot of pressure on them because they have to be a cheerleader, hear all our confessions, sit up in the stands with all the fans yelling at the coaches, have a soft shoulder to cry on and a hard shoulder to listen to all our obscenities," said Reyome.

But, the coaches all seem to agree about one thing-they wouldn't give up coaching for anything, ". . . . except when the kids quit being important agreed Reyome and Gurrado. And, when I just do it (coaching) for the money and after the "juice" dries up," said Gurrado. Then and only then will I give up coaching."

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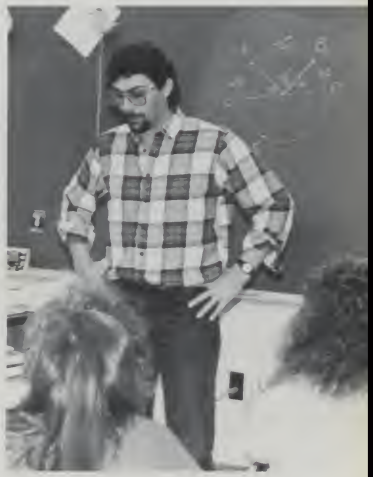
*Mrs. Julie Turner*, Secretary, *Mrs. Sheila Vaclavik*, Sophomore English Beg Composition; *Mrs. Nancy Weaver*, A V Secretary

*Mr Ray Weaver*, Spanish, Asst Drama Coach, G.H.S Movie Sponsor, *Miss Betty Weber*, French, Department Chairperson; *Mr Robert Witt*, Ceramics, Arts and Crafts, Jewelry



Teacher and coach, Mr Darryl Carstensen explains the geometry problem on their homework assignment Teaching is only part of the work he has to do

*Spending Time After*

# School's Out

It's 2:55 and school's finally come to an end. You are free. But, are you really free? Most would agree that even though school is over it seems as if there is always something to be done.

Chores or some kind of housework always needs to be done. But, how many students help around his or her house?

Toni Morrison, senior, said, "I have to do chores when I am home from school such as: dusting, picking up things and putting them away and vacuuming, the typical stuff," she added.

"When I get home from school I don't have to do any kind of chore. If my mom would pay me $3.95 an hour to clean, then maybe I would. But, I am not home often enough to make any messes so I am not about to clean any up," said senior Debbie Dominguez.

"I have a few chores to do while I am home," said John Zellers, senior, "Before I leave to go to work."

Besides housework there are other things that are done as going to work.

Dominguez said, "I work most of my spare time. And, when I'm not working I spend my time with my boyfriend."

Zellers agreed with Dominguez about working a lot of hours. "I work a good deal of my free time, so when I do get to stay home I relax."

Lisa Gniadek, senior, said, "I go home, eat and go to work, so I don't have much time to do anything. But, I do help around the house a little bit."

But, there is one obvious thing that the vast majority of students do-homework.

"With my two advanced classes (Biology and Composition) I have had a lot of homework to do, not mentioning the two term papers I had to do," said Zellers.

Gniadek contradicted the statement saying that most have homework to do. "I only go to school a half a day and I'm in basic classes and they (the teachers) do not give us any homework." Gniadek was part of the minority.

Between juggling one's homework, housework and going to work, you should have some time to yourself when you do not have someone else telling you what to do. You need some kind of rest or relaxation.

Dominguez said, "When I have enough time before I go to work I sleep."

Junior Chris Hawkins said, "When I get a chance I sit around and watch television."

So, even though there may be things that have to be done, relaxing or just plain sleeping is an important part of your daily life after school gets out.

The Panther fans cheer on their team as the students faithfully attended one of the football team's Friday night home games and cheered them on to a victorious season

Junior Mike Oal uses his spare time to fix up his car by sanding it. Fixing up one's car was just one way students spent their time after school was out

"Have you heard the latest?" asks sophomore Tina Kilgore. Communicating over the phone with friends passes the time away at home for some.

Sophomore Christie Jovanovich prepares her customer's order. Jovanovich chose to work at Subway after school hours to earn some money.

Lisa Gniadek, senior is outlining the chapter for her next assignment in Government class. Gniadek prepares to finish her requirements to graduate in June.

The sophomore class cheers on their own class as they participate in Activities Night. Activities Night was held the night before the Homecoming game.

# Relating Or Not?

Most students don't realize the importance of their relationship with their parent(s). But, sometimes they don't realize that sometimes your parents can surprise you.

"Communication is so important between both parties," said Mrs. Marjorie Keithley, Preparation for Adult Living teacher, who has had experience in this field. "All parents have to do is take the time to care, be there for them, and be more of a listener than an advisor."

Mrs. Iona Glassford vehemently agrees with Keithley by commenting, "Communicating can be hard for the parents because they are afraid to show their emotions and tell them 'no' without hurting their self-esteem."

"My mom and I get along great! She lets me have my freedom, said junior Denise Patton. "I can tell my mom anything. She dresses and acts like a teenager. Maybe this is why she understands me so well. She's actually pretty cool for a mom."

Senior Stefanie Church said, "My dad and I don't talk at all. He knows I am here, but he says he doesn't have a problem."

Keithley sums it up by saying, "There will always be a conflict between them.

Can I Mom? Junior Jayme Davis looks surprised after hearing her mom, Mrs. Martha Davis, give her permission. Communication is the key.

*John Carl Aldrin*, Executive Council, 4, (Treas.) Student Council, 3-4, *Kurt Anderson*, *Mike Anderson*, *Rick Asche*, Wrestling, 2-4

*Christine Michelle Austin*, Football, (manager), Softball, 2-3 Concert Choir, 3, Festival Choir, 3, Girls Choir, 2, Dramatics, 2, 4, Booster Club, 2-4, Executive Council, 2-3, National Honor Society, 4, Student Council, 2-3, *Rebecca Marie Baker*, Cross Country, 4, Track, 2-4, (Captain 4), Concert Choir, Festival Choir, (Sec. 3), Girls Choir, 2, Girls Ensemble, 2-4, Dramatics, 3-4, Booster Club, (Sec.) Tres 4) Sweater Girl, 4, Varsity Club, Executive Club, 4, Student Council, 4, Bowling Club, 4, S.A.D.D. 4, Choral Dept. Pres. 4, Duchess Candidate, 4, Social Studies Club, 3-4, *Stacy Danette Baker*, Volleyball, 2-3, Basketball, 2-4, Softball, 2-4, Band, 2, Dramatics, 2, Varsity Club, 2-4, Executive Council, 2-4, National Honor Society, 2-4, Student Council 2-4, Class Office, (Pres. 3 VP, 2), Homecoming Candidate, Girls State Delegate, Who's who in America, Scholastic All-American, *Renee Dane Baldwin*, Dramatics, 3-4,

*Paula Kelly Ballner*, Track, 2-4 (captain, 4), Booster Club, 2-3, Varsity Club, 2-4, *Reginald Batusic*, *William Daniel Berens*, Soccer, 2, DECA, 4, Chess Club, 2, Who's Who in America, 4 Regional 2nd & 3Rd pl. (DECA), Academic Decathalon 4, *Joseph Biancardi*

*Philip Andrew Bodamer. Amy Lynn Bohney*, Volleyball 2. Wrestling, 2. Dramatics, 3-4, Booster Club, 4, Varsity Club, 4. Executive Council, 2-3. National Honor Society, 2-4. Pres. 4. Treas. 3). Student Council, 3-4. Quill and Scroll, 2-4 (VP 4. Pantherettes 4. Girls State Delegate, 4, PANTHER PRESS, 2-4, Managing editor, 4. Copy Editor, 3. News Reporter, 2). Spell Bowl Team Member, 4. Spanish team member, 3 Pantherettes, Workshop, 4. Rotary Youth Leadership Seminar, 3. Who's who in America, 4. Math Student of the year, 2. Academic letter winner, 2-4. Hoosier State Scholarship winner, 4. St Joeseph's College Trustee Scholarship, 4. VFW, Voice of Democracy Essay contest winner 4. Rotary Youth Leadership Award, 3 *James P. Boylan*. Chorale, 3-4. (Pres 4). Concert Choir, 2 (Secretary). Festival Chor Choir, 2-4. Vice Pres.). Dramatics, 2-4 (Lead, 4). Booster Club, 2-4. Letter, 4. Student Council, 2-4 (Treas. 3). S A D D 2 PANTHER PRESS, 3-4 Photographer & Copy Editor SLI 2 Who's who in America, 4. *David Edward Bratcher*.

*Christopher Dean Broeiman*. Band, 2-4, (Pres). Booster Club, 3-4. Dramatics, 2-4. National Honor Society, (VP). Student Council, 3-4. Bowling Club, 4. Boys State Alternate. *Leslie Paul Burdsal, Jr.*, Band, 2-4. Jazz Band. *Cynthia Lynn Campbell*. Swimming 2-4. (Captain, 4). Boy's Manager 3. Varsity Club, 4. Bowling Club, 4. *Jennifer Joy Carpenter*. Volleyball 2 Softball, 2-3. Booster Club, 2. Varsity Club 4. REFLECTOR, 3-4 (Chief Photog 4). PANTHER PRESS, 4. Journalism Worship, 4.

*Ryan William Carrell*, Golf, 3-4. Varsity Club, 3-4. Executive Council, 2-4. National Honor Society, 2-4 Student Council 2-4. Bowling Club, 2-4, Class Officer, 2. Who's who in America. *Tony Casillas*, Wrestling 2-3. Soccer, 2. *Mark Alan Chestnut*. Baseball, 4. Tennis, 2-4 Booster Club, 2. DECA, 3. Honorable mention 3, Who's who in America. *Paula J. Christenson*, Track, 2-4, (Captain, 3-4), Booster Club, 2-4, Executive Council, 2-4.

*Stephanie Church, Adrienne Suzanne Companik*, Tennis, 2. Booster Club, 2-4. Concert Choir, 4. Girls Choir, 2-3. Girls Chorus, 4. Girls Ensemble, 2-3. Dramatics, 2-4. Executive Council, 2-3. Student Council, 2-4 (Sec.). Pantherettes, 3-4. (Sec.). Prom Candidate. Pantherettes, workshop, 3. *Jamie Crute. Gojko Cuculz*, Booster Club, 2-4. Varsity Club, 2-4. Football, 2-4. Who's who in America, 3. Honorable mention 3

*Heidi Kay Curtis*, Booster Club, 2-3. *Dawn Degarin*, Band, 2-4. *Mark Christopher De La Vega*, Track, 2-3 (Capt. 2). *Chuck Edward Delong*.

*Daniel Charles DeLuna, Roxanne P. Dewes*, Girls Choir, 2-3, Girls ensemble, 2-3, Baseball (manager), 2, *Phillip Dines, James Michael Dixon*, Bowling Club, 3-4, Academic Decathalon

*Michael John Domanski*, Swimming, 2, *Debra Denise Dominguez*, Wrestling, Booster Club, 2-4, Sweater Girl (Sub.), 3, Executive Council, 2-4, DECA, 4, Student Council, 2-4, S.A.D.D., 2-3, PANTHER PRESS, 3-4, (Business Manager), *Carl W. Doppler, Mike A. Dorelli*, Football, 2-3, Wrestling, 2-4, Varsity Club, 3-4

*Timothy Edward Dutkiewicz*, Football, 2-3, Baseball, 2-4, Student Council, 2, DECA, 3-4, Journalism Workshop, 3, *Jonathon James Farris*, Band, DECA, 3, *Sean O'Neil Farley*, Basketball, 2-4, (Captain), Football, 3-4 Varsity Club, 3-4, Honorable mention, 4, (Football), *Mary Frost*

*Dawna J. Fryman*, Swimming, 3-4, (Captain, 4), Track, 2-4, (Captain, 4), *Rebecca Louise Fuehrer*, Softball, 3-4, Track, 1, Band, 2-4, *Christian James Galambos*, Football, 2, Wrestling, 2, Soccer, 2-4, Varsity Club, 3-4, DECA, 4, REFLECTOR, 2-4, PANTHER PRESS, 3-4, (Photographer), Journalism Workshop, 2-4, *Bethany Lynn Galinski*, PANTHER PRESS, 3-4, (News Editor)

*Keith Brian Galocy*, Basketball, 2, (Girls Star.) Baseball, 2-4, Booster Club, 3-4, Letter, 3-4, Varsity Club, Executive, 2-3, (VP, 3), Student Council, 3-4 (VP), Bowling Club, 2&4, S.A.D.D., 4, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Prince, Cheerleading Workshop, 4, Who's who in America, *Laura Veronica Garcia*, Band, 2, Booster Club, 2-4, Executive Club, 2, Student Council, 2-3, Turnabout Candidate, Pantherettes Workshop, 2-4, *Heather Lee Anne Garvey*, Band, 2-4, Drum Major, 3-4, Dramatics, 2-4, Booster Club, 4, Executive Council, 4, National Honor Society, 2-4, Student Council 3-4, (secr. 3), Band Workshop, 3-4, Girls State Alternate, Spell Bowl, 3-4, (Capt. 4), Academic Decathlon alternate 3-4, Super Bowl, 3-4, ITAC Team Capt. 4, *Vincent L. Gerber*, Track, 2, Bowling Club, 2,

# Missing GHS?

Whew! We finally made it! Is the statement that will be uttered by over 200 seniors as their senior year finally comes to an end. But, honestly, everyone will miss at least one aspect of their senior year. These students tell what they would miss the most.

"My friends, all the good times I had with them at the basketball and football games are what I'm going to miss the most," said J.J. Boylan, senior. "Also, I will miss the J-Room."

Senior John Popyk said, "I have to admit I like school, but I will not miss all the work."

Way to go Griffith! The crowd gets all fired up at a basketball game. Athletic games and the fun are missed by many graduating seniors!

*Michael Jason Gilbert*, Football, 2-3; Turnabout Candidate, 2; *Paula Sue Gilbert*, Booster Club, 2; DECA, 4; *Christopher Allen Gillespie*, Swimming, 2-4; *Dennis Fredrick Glover*, Bowling Club, (Secr. 2).

*Lisa Marie Gniadek*; *Jason Gonzalez*; *Renee' Grabowski*, Track, 2-4, (Captain, 4); Booster Club, 2-4; Sweater Girl, 3-4; Varsity Club, 2-4; S.A.D.D., 3-4; *Michele Graham*.

*Trisha Kay Grandys*, Track, 2-3; *Adrienne Elene Green*, Chorale 4, (Sec. 4); Concert Choir, 3; Festival Choir, 3-4; Girls Chorus, 2; Bowling Club, 4; Pantherettes, 4; Pantherette workshop, 4; *Leo Michael Grin*; *Denise Marie Guevara*, Tennis, 2-4; Booster Club, 2-4; VP, 4; Executive Council, 3-4; Student Council, 2-4; S.A.D.D., 4; Duchess.

# Students Punish

Most teachers would agree that punishing their students is their least favorite part about being a teacher. But, some students would look forward to punishing their students, each with their own individual punishments.

Senior James Sanders said, "I would punish the student by sticking a fish hook in his or her nose and tie the other end of the string or twine around my finder. Then, I would pull them around."

Tony Gonzalez, sophomore, said, "I would strap the student to my car's bumper and make them take off their shoes and socks. I would then drive around. They could either keep up with the car by running or let themselves drag behind. It (the ride) will end when his or her toes aren't rounded anymore; they're flat. So, the foot will be shaped like a pear."

Junior Monica McCabe said, "I would have electric shocks on each of their chairs and I would have the wall panel on my desk. When they acted up or talked out loud I would shock them."

With the sounds of their punishments let's hope that these students do not become teachers.

Punishment by boerdom, senior Tim Lolkema looks at a magazine to break the monotany of spending the day in the pit. The pit is just one form of punishment.

*Angela Marie Gulotta*: Track, (manager, 2-3, *Miller Haag*: *Tammy Lynne Hageman*: S.A.D.D. 4, *Dorothy Lee Hall*: Booster Club, 3-4, S.A.D.D. 3-4, Pantherettes, 4, Pantherette workshop, 4, Who's who in America

*William Brian Harding*: Chorale, 3-4, Choncert Choir, 2, Dramatics 2-4, S.A.D.D. 4, *Amy Haskins*: *Jane F. Hedges*: Track, 2-4, (Capt. 3-4), Booster Club 2-4, Varsity Club 4, Executive Council, 2, Student Council, 2, Pantherettes 2-4 (Pres. 4), Pantherettes workshop, 2-3, *Eric Hevrinchs*

*Bonita Lee Hennager*, Girls Chorus, 2, Booster Club, 2-3, DECA 3-4, (Treas. 4), S A D D, 2, (Treas. 2). *Dave L. Higginbotham* *Don Hobbs*, *Denise Kay Hochstetler* Baseball 2-4 (Manager), Dramatics, 2-3, Booster Club, 2-4, Cheerleader 2-4 Varsity, Club, 4, Executive Council, 2-4 Student Council, 2-4, S A D D 4, REFLECTOR, 4 (Student Life Editor), Prom Candidate, Turnabout Princess, Homecoming Candidate, Cheerleading Workshop, 2-4 Who's who in America

*Mary Ellen Hoffman*, Baseball, 2-4, (Manager 2-4), Dramatics, 3-4, Booster Club, 2-4 Cheerleading, 2-4 Varsity Club, 4 (Sec./Tres.), Executive Council, 2-4, (VP, 4) National Honor Society, 2-4, Student, Council, 2-4 S A D D 2-4 (Tres 3, VP, 4), Prom Candidate, Homecoming Queen Candidate Cheerleading Workshop, 2-4, Rotary Youth Leadership Conference 3, Girls State Delegate, Who's who in america, Principal Leadership Award, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, *Kelly Ann Holcomb*, Football, 2, Booster Club, 2-3, Turnabout Candidate, *Christine Marie Houchin*, Band, 2-4, Dramatics, 2-3, Band Workshop, 2, *Kim D. Howard*

*Andy Francis Huss*, Tennis, 2-4, Varsity Club, 2-4 Executive Council, 3, Student Council, 4 Bowling Club, 4, S A D D *Tracey Lynn Rainich*, Football 2 *Paula Michelle Irvin*, Swimming, 2-3 Tennis, 3, Track, 2, Girls Chorus, 3 (Pres ) Bowling Club 3-4 *Wm. Scott Johnston*, Wrestling, 2, Boys State Delegate

*John Patrick Jorden*, Football, 2-4 Varsity Club, 2-4 DECA 4 honorable mention, 4 *Katja Karkkainen*, *Philip John Katona*, Football, 2-4, (Captain, 4), Basketball, 2-4 Baseball, 2-4, Golf, 2, Booster Club, 2-4, Varsity Club, 2-4, (VP) S A D D 2-3, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate Homecoming Candidate Who's who in America 3, *Douglas E. Keen* Football 2-4 Basketball, 2-4

*Julie Elizabeth Kidjora* Swimming 2-3, Booster Club, 2-4, Sweater Girl 2, S A D D 2, REFLECTOR (People Editor 3-4 Photog 4), *Ron P. Kriestnict* Cross Country 2-4, Soccer 2 4 *Deanin Renae Knezevich*, Football 3-4 (Trainer) Basketball 2-3 (Manager (Trainer) Baseball, 2 Booster Club 2-3 Varsity Club 3-4 National Honor Society, 2-4, Student Council 3-4 S A D D 2 Girls State Delegate *Daniel Allen Knienieman*, Cross Country 2 Track, 2, Varsity Club, 2

*Joel Brandon Krafft*, REFLECTOR, Photographer, *Susan Lynn Kwasny*, Cross Country, 4, Track, 2-4, Booster Club, 3-4, Sweater Girl, 4, Varsity Club, 2-4, PANTHER PRESS, 2-3, (Chief Photographer 2-3, Journalism Workshop, 2, Track Workshop, 3, *Scott Anthony LaBuda*, Band, 2, *Jim Lamprecht*

*Dan Patrick Lavin*, Tennis, 2-4, Student Council, 3-4, *Lyzette Marie Leal*, Volleyball, 2-3 (manager, 3), Band, 2-4, Dramatics, 2, Booster Club, 3-4, (Historian, 4), Sweater Girl, 4 (Mascot), Varsity Club, Executive Council, 2-4, National Honor Society, 2-4, Student Council, 3-4, Quill and Scroll, 2-4, (Tres.) S A D D, 2-4, (sec., 3, Pres., 4), PANTHER PRESS, 2-4, (Managing Editor, 3, Editor-in Chief, 4), Journalism Workshop, 3-4, Girls State Delegate, Who's who in America, Social Studies Discussion Club, Valedictorian, *Kavin Lee*, *Melissa Jane Lee*, Girls Choir, 2 (Sec.), DECA, 3-4, (Pres., 4)

*Michelle LeGear*, *Dan William Leslie Jr.*, Swimming, 2-4, (Captain, 3), Band, 2-3, Varsity Club, 2-4, National Honor Society, 2-4, Student Council, 2-4, Boys State Delegate, ITAC team, Hoosier Scholarship award, *Michael D. Letts*, Cross Country, 2-4 Track, 2-4, *Tim Lolkema*

*Carmen Maria Lopez*, Basketball, 2, Softball, 2-3, Booster Club, 2-4, *Michelle Renee Maglish*, Booster Club, 2-4, Pantherettes, 3-4 (Historian, Squad Leader), Pantherette Workshop, 3-4, *Stacy Lyn Mahns*, Booster Club, 2, DECA, 3-4, *David Joseph Mann*, Track, 2

*Marilyn Marie Marszalek*, Football, 3-4, (manager), Basketball, 2-3, Tennis, 2-4, Boostar Club, 2-4, Varsity Club, 3-4, Executive Council, 2-4, Student Council, 3-4, S A D D, 2-4, Who's who in America, *Janel Lynn Martin*, Swimming, 2, DECA, 3-4 (Sec.), *Michelle Martin*, *Alan Scott Maugherman*, Baseball, 2-4, Band, 2-3, Booster Club, 2, Varsity Club, 4, Executive Council, 2-4, National Honor Society, S A D D, 3-4, Who's who in America, Spell Bowl, 3, National Young Leader's Conference, 4

# Smart Or Good-Looking?

What will get you farther? Or the question may boil down to which would you rather have-good looks or intelligence?

Senior Toni Morrison said, "I would rather be intelligent. You need more than good looks to get a good job and a successful career to get anywhere in the real world."

Lyzette Leal, senior, said, "I would rather be intelligent so I could fool some gorgeous guy to be in love with me."

"Being intelligent or smart will get you a better job and then you could make more money. I could always get a face-lift to make myself good-looking," said Tricia Turner, senior.

"I would rather be good-looking," said senior Jeff Strack. "If I was good-looking I could get other people to do everything I had to do, for me."

Junior Katrina Gasper said, "I would rather be smart than good-looking because good looks will fade. If you're smart you can always make yourself look better."

I've got to concentrate on this. Senior Roxanne Dewes reads up on how the nervous system works. She knows how important it is to get a good education.

*Melinda Jo' Meadows*, Girls Choir, 3, (Sec.), Girls Chorus, 2, DECA, 3-4, *Denise Marie Mikulski*, Booster Club, 2-4, Executive, Council, 3, Prom Candidate, *Keith Alan Miller*, Cross Country, 2-4, Track, 2-3, Band, 2-4, Sec. 3), Booster Club, 2, Varsity Club, 3-4, Executive Council, 2-4, Student Council, 2, REFLECTOR, 4, (Business Manager) PANTHER PRESS, 4, (Opinion Editor), Boys State Delegate, Who's who in America

*Donna Mirda*, *Kevin Troy Mish*, Wrestling, 2-3 *Cheryl Lynn Mitchell*, *Mark Mitchenson*,

*Bruce Moe*, VICA, *Joseph C. Moeglin*, *Charles F. Moore*, Football, 3, Executive Council, 2-3, Who's who in America, *Kenneth Ray Moore*, Football, 2-4 PANTHER PRESS, 4, (Sports Reporter)

*Choosing Between Being A*

# Housewife Or Having A Career

You always hear someone referring to the 80's woman, but, what exactly is an 80's woman? More and more women are starting a career and or balancing a family. But, if given the choice what would women choose?

Senior Michelle Le Gear said, "I would want a career because I would have dished out a lot of money for college and I would not want that money to go to waste. Then, after I've established my career I will be ready to become a housewife."

Becky Fuehrer, senior, said, "I want to balance both a career and be a housewife. I would want a career to show my independence. And, I would still want to have a family of my own and take care of them myself."

So, balancing both a career and being a housewife will remain important into the 90's for some.

Senior Michelle Maglish is typing her assignment in class; typing will help her in her future career plans as a working woman.

*Anthony J. Morris, Antoinette Michelle Morrison*, Tennis, 2-4, Booster Club, 2-4, Varsity Club, 2-4, Executive Council, 4, Student Council, 3, Quill and Scroll, 4, PANTHER PRESS, 3-4 (Feature Editor, 3, Copy Editor, 4) MVP 2, Tennis, Who's who in America, *Michael Mario Mostello*, Lifter, 4, Duke Candidate, *John Marshall Mowery*, Football, 2-4, Wrestling, 2, Golf, 2-4 Varsity Club, 4, Prom Candidate, Homecoming Candidate

*Joeseph Jay Nichols*, Golf, 2, Track, 3-4, Varsity Club, 3-4, *Leanne Carol Nichols*, Band, 2-3, Booster Club, 2-4, Executive Council, 2-3, Student Council, 2, Pantherettes, 2-4, (VP, Squad leader), Turnabout Candidate, Pantherette Workshop, 2-3, *M. David Nichols*, Quill and Scroll, PANTHER PRESS, 3-4, (Reporter, 3, Assoc. Editor, 4), Journalism Workshop, 4, *John O'Connell*,

*Melissa Anne O'Halloran, Nate Palkovich, Julie Marie Palmer*, Volleyball, 2-4, Basketball, 2-3, Softball, 2-4, Booster Club, 2 & 4, *Karen Denise Parsons*, Baseball, 2, (Batgirl), Booster Club, 2-4, DECA, 2-4, (VP, 4), S.A.D.D.

*Tonya Rene' Parsons*, Chorale, 4, Concert Choir, 3, Festival Choir, 2-3, Girls Choir, 2, Dramatics, 2-4, Booster Club, 3-4, Sweater Girl, 4, REFLECTOR, 4 (Student Life Editor, 4), *Douglas James Paul*, Football, 2, Basketball, 2, Track 2, *Sandra Pazera*, *Joe D. Peters*, Football, 2-4, Wrestling, 2, Golf 2, DECA 4, Turnabout Candidate

*Julie Margaret Planer*, Softball, 2, Booster Club, 2-4, Dramatics, 2-4, Quill and Scroll, 4, Movie Worker, 2-4, REFLECTOR, 3-4, (Advertising Editor, 3, People Editor, 4), PANTHER PRESS, 3-4, (In-depth Editor, 3, Feature Editor, 4), Basketball 3, (Stats), *Ann Marie C. Plucinski*, Dramatics, 3-4, Booster Club, 3-4, Sweater Girl, 4, *Dave A. Pogue*, Football, 2, Dramatics, 3, DECA, 3-4, *Priscilla Jo Polatewicz*, DECA, 2-4,

*Daniel Patrick Powers*, *Joseph Michael Powers*, Football, 2, Wrestling, 2-4, Track, 2-4, Varsity Club, 3-4, *Jeff Allan Rains*, Concert Choir, 2, *Carrie E. Redmon*, DECA, 3-4

*Penny Jo Reeves*, *Terry Lee Reiding*, Concert Choir, 2-3, Boys Choir, 4, DECA, 2-4, ISSMA, *Patrice Lynn Roach*, Booster Club, 2-4, Executive Council, 2-4, Student Council, 2-4, Bowling Club, 4, Pantherettes, 2-4, (Squad leader), Pantherette Workshop, 2-4, *Carrie Anne Rodriguez*, Concert Choir, 3, Festival Choir, 3, Girls Choir, 2, Girls Chorus, 4, (Sec.), Booster Club, 2-4, Executive Council, 3, Pantherettes, 4

*Samantha Rose*, *Tammy Lee Sands*, *James Sanders*, *Earl Gary Schreiber Jr.* Football, 2-4, Baseball, 2, Lifter, 3, Varsity Club, 3-4, Executive Council, 2, Wishbone Camp, 2-4

*James W. Schuhrke*, 3-4, DECA, 4, *Timothy Michael Schutter*, *David Schweitzer*, *Edward Dean Senzig*, Cross Country, 3-4, Track, 2-4, Concert Choir, 2-4, Festival Choir, 2-4, Dramatics, 2-4, Varsity Club, 3-4, Chess Club, 2.

*Michelle Serrato*, *Daniel R. Shadwell*, Basketball, 2-3, Baseball, 2-3, DECA, 4, *Dave Dean Sharp*, *Robert George Shinkle*, Swimming, 2, Golf, 2-4, Chorale, 3-4, Concert Choir, 2, Festival Choir, 3-4, Varsity Club, 3-4, DECA, 3-4

*Jennifer Smit*, *Aaron E. Smith*, Dramatics, 4, *Michelle R. Spohn*, DECA, 4, *Bradley William Steapleton*, Football, 2-4, (Capt.)

*Kevin C. Steinert*, *Branko T. Stepanovich*, Football, 2-4, Wrestling, 2, Track, 2-3, Lifter, 3-4, Varsity Club, 2-4, Turnabout Candidate, Prom King, Duke, Homecoming King, *Dancy Rose Stepanovich*, Chorale, 4, Concert Choir, 3, Festival Choir, 3-4, Girls Choir, 2, Girls Ensemble, 2-4, Booster Club, 2-4, (Pres. 4), Sweater Girl, 3-4, Executive Council, 2-4, (Treas. 2-3, Pres. 4), Duchess, Homecoming Queen, Washington Workshops, 4, Cross Country, (manager, 3-4), Social Studies Discussion Group, 3-4, *Jeffery D. Strack*, Basketball, 2-4, Executive Council, 4

*Jean Louise Stucky*, Volleyball, 2-3, Chorale, 4, Concert Choir, 3, Festival Choir 3-4, Girls Choir, 2, Dramatics, 2-4, Booster Club, 2, *Wendy Marie Stutz*, *Michael Adam Swarens*, *John Sweconek*

*How Would You Spend*

# 1,000 Dollars?

There's an old saying that states, "Money makes the world go round," and that statement has proven to be true. But, what if someone walked up to you and handed you 1,000 dollars cash. And, told you that it was yours to spend with it as you please. How would you spend it?

Putting a down payment on a new or used car would be one way to spend the 1,000 dollars that you received because transportation is important for students.

Senior Mike Letts said, "I would not spend any of it. I would put it all away for college."

"I would spend a little, save some for college and save some to put toward my dream house," said senior Penny Reeves.

Junior Denise Patton said, I would spend the money on clothes."

Tammy Hageman, senior, said, "I would spend part of the money on clothes for myself. The rest I would put in the bank and give part to my parents."

Sophomore Karen Hoffman said, "I would spend every bit of it at the mall. That is, if my parents did not make me put it in the bank."

Junior Chris Hawkins said, "When you think about it a 1,000 dollars isn't that much money. But, it would be a lot of money just to blow."












*Scott Szeliasz, Rob Szymanski, Deanne Kay Tana*, Softball, 2-4, Chorale, 3-4, (Sec.), Festival Choir, 3-4, Girls Chorus, 2, Girls Ensemble, 2-4, Dramatics, 2-4, Booster Club, 2-4, Cheerleading, 2-4 (Captain), Varsity Club, 2-4, Executive Council, 2-4 (Sec. 2 & 4), Turnabout Candidate, Prom Queen, Homecoming Candidate, Girls State Alternate, Who's who in America, *Wendy Ann Taumer*, Who's who in America, Perfect attendance award, 2-3

*Bryan David Taxtor*, Football, 2, Prom King Candidate, Duke Candidate, *Vicki Lynn Thelon*, Booster Club, 2-3, DECA, 3, Mat Maid, *Dayana Tomich*, DECA, 4, *James Anthony Toren*

*Troy Alan Towerson*, Football, 2-4, (Capt.), Golf, 2-4, Booster Club, 2-4, Varsity Club, 2-4, Homecoming Candidate, Wishbone Camp, 2-3, Football, (MVP, 4, All-State Honorable Mention), *Derek James Tucker*, Football, 2-4, Wrestling, 2-4 (Capt), Baseball, 2 & 4, Booster Club, 2-3, Varsity Club, 2-4, Student Council, 4, DECA, 3-4, Wishbone Camp, 2-4, *Kevin Dee Tucker*, DECA, 2-4, *Robert Tully*

*Tricia Jo Turner*, Softball, 2-4, Concert Choir, 3, Festival Choir, 3-4, Girls Choir, 2, (Pres.), Girls Chorus, 4, Girls Ensemble, 2, Booster Club, 2-4. *Dale Glenn Verkuilen*, Dramatics, 2-4, National Honor Society, 2-3, DECA, 4, Bowling Club, 2-4, (Tres., 3, Capt. 3-4), Chess Club, 2, S.A.D.D., 2-4, Boys State Delegate, Who's who in America, Movie Worker, 2-3, *Brian James Waddle*, Football, 2-4.

*Mitchel Eugene Ward*, Football, 2, Wrestling, 2, Bowling Club, 3, *Tamara Dawn Whitfield*, Basketball, 2-4, Concert Choir, 3-4, Festival Choir, 3-4, Girls Chorus, 2, Varsity Club, 2-4. *Mark Nathan Wiley*, Swimming, 3, Tennis, 2-4, Soccer, 2-4.

*Kelli Sheryne Wilkey*, Festival Choir, 3-4, Booster Club, 3-4, Sweater Girl 4, Concert Choir, 3-4, Girls Chorus, 2, Girls Ensemble, 2-3, DECA, 4, Dramatics 2-3, REFLECTOR, 4, (Academics Editor, 4), Who's who in America, *Nicole Renee Wilson*, *Eddie A Wilinski*.

*Theresa Lynn Wroblewski*, Band, 2-4, National Honor Society, 4, Student Council, 4, Bowling Club, 3-4 (Capt. 3-4 Tres. 4), Girls State Alternate, *John Eric Yonan*, Football, 2-4, Track, 2, *Brett Matthew Zabek*, Football, 2-4, (Capt.), Baseball, 2-4, (Capt.), Booster Club, 3-4, Lifter, 3-4, Varsity Club, 2-4 (Pres.) DECA, Homecoming Candidate.

*Thomas Jerome Zapinski*, Golf, 2-4, Band, 2-4, (VP, 4), Dramatics, 2-4, National Honor Society, 2-4 (Tres.) Bowling Club, 3-4 (Sec.), Chess Club, 2, (VP), Boys State Delegate, *Tracy Zebracki*, Basketball, 2-3, Chorale, 4 (VP), Concert Choir, 3, (VP) Girls Chorus, 2, Dramatics, 2-4, Booster Club, 2, Varsity Club, 4, Executive Council, 2-3, Student Council, 2-3, Who's who in America, *Leslie Zimmerman*.

*Breaking Up*

# Is Hard To Do

Some old song said "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do", but there may be an easier way to break up with that someone. But, does easier always mean better?

Paula Irvin, senior, said, "The best way to break up is face to face with that person. Calling the person over the phone would be a lot easier, but it is not the best way to break up."

Senior Wendy Stutz agrees with Irvin and breaking up face to face is best. "When you call over the phone you're not giving that person the right to talk to you in person, which they should have."

But, not everyone chooses the so-called 'best' way to break up.

An anonymous senior said, "My boyfirend didn't even have the courtesy to tell me he wanted to break up. He did not even bother to call me on the phone. He told my best friend to tell me. That was such a cop-out for him because he couldn't even face me. He said it was because he had a new job and didn't have the time to spend with me anymore. But, I knew what was a lie. I knew there was someone else."

Senior Michelle LeGear said, "One time I wanted to break up with one of my old boyfriends so I gathered all his stuff that he had given me and put it in a brown paper bag, went to his house and put it on his front porch."

But, senior Becki Baker states, "Breaking up tends to be easier when both people agree that it's for the best."

Stutz agrees with Baker by saying, "If the idea of breaking up is a sort of a mutual agreement by both parties, then maybe both people can walk away not feeling bitter toward one another. And, a trying experience can be a lot easier."

Charla Mitchell, senior, said, "Breaking up face to face shows you have guts, you care about the person some, and you still respect them. Though a mutual agreement would probably work best. But, the worst thing that you could possibly say is 'we can still be friends'; that is the biggesst cop-out! And, realistically after you break up with someone, most times it never happens."

"When you think about it there really is no good way to break up," said senior James Sanders. At least one of the two parties is going to be hurt. But, the way that seems to be the most thoughtful and the one chosen the most often by students. So, maybe the next time you get in this situation you may give this way a thought to make a bad situation a little better.

Boyfriend and girlfriend, senior J.J. Boylan and junior Lisa Grubbs are discussing their plans for after class. Communication is an important part of any relationship

Juniors Melissa Morris and Troy Lolkema are quattelling about their evening plans. An argument is usually the reason for a break up.

Walking down the hall after class senior Troy Toweson is heading toward his locker. Toweson was voted as having the best body in the senior class.

Chosen as the most unique girl in the senior class was Beth Galinski. Standing to the right of her is the runner-up for most unique, Tonya Parsons.

John Aldrin, senior, takes a break from reading his English assignment to chat with a friend. Aldrin was chosen as the smartest in his class

*Senior Superlatives*

# Announced At Banquet

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES
1989

A = Girl
B = Boy

MOST UNIQUE
A. Beth Galinski
B. Bryan Textor

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
A. Stacy Baker
B. Keith Galocy

MOST INVOLVED
A. Desa Stepanovich
B. Dan Leslie

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
A. Desa Stepanovich
B. J.J. Boylan

SMARTEST
A. Heather Garvey
B. John Aldrin

BIGGEST BROWN NOSE
A. Marilyn Marszalek
B. Jeff Strack

PRETTIEST HAIR
A. Ada Green
B. Robert Szymanski

PRETTIEST EYES
A. Denise Hochstetler
B. Mike Anderson

PRETTIEST SMILE
A. Sue Kwasny
B. Sean Farley

FUNNIEST
A. Charla Mitchell
B. Brian Waddle

FRIENDLIEST
A. Denise Guevara
B. John Mowery

BEST PERSONALITY
A. Leanne Nichols
B. Ryan Carrell

ROWDIEST
A. Debbie Dominguez
B. Rick Sell

CUTEST LAUGH
A. Charla Mitchell
B. Mark Chestnut

CLASS FLIRT
A. Adrienne Companik
B. Jason Gilbert

BEST DANCER
A. Amy Bohney
B. Derek Tucker

BIGGEST PARTIER
A. Karen Parsons
B. Jason Gilbert

BIGGEST GOSSIP
A. Debbie Dominguez
B. Derek Tucker

BEST DRESSED
A. Paula Christenson
B. Ryan Carrell

BEST ATHLETE
A. Stacy Baker
B. Phil Katona

BEST LEGS
A. Mary Hoffman
B. Brian Phillips

BEST BODY
A. Denise Hochstetler
B. Troy Toweson

CUTEST COUPLE
A. Leslie Zimmerman
B. Ed Wisinski

MOST TRUSTING
A. Denise Guevara
B. Sean Farley

BEST ARTIST
A. Katja Karkkainen
B. Ed Wisinski

MOST MUSICALLY INCLINED
A. Deanne Tanis
B. Tom Zapinski

CUTEST
A. Becki Baker
B. Mike Anderson

Senior Ed Wisinski watches Leslie Zimmerman, senior, as she makes her ceramics project. Wisinski and Zimmerman were voted the senior class' cutest couple

Voted as having the prettiest hair of any senior guy at the '89 senior banquet was Robert Szymanski, as he takes pride in his long locks.

"Now what did you say we had to do?" asked senior Denise Guevara to Mrs. Susan Patricks. Guevara is the most trusting female voted by her classmates.

Drugs can be a very frightening and dangerous pressure for teens to deal with. Decisions must be made that can affect people's lives.

"I dare you," is another popular form of peer pressure teens inflict upon one another.


Although most teens realize smoking is a dangerous habit, some, like senior Rob Szymanski, give in to the pressure of "everybody does it."

*Learning To Deal With*

# Peer Pressures

The same old slogan, "Just say no!" and your parents' advice, "If people are doing things you know are wrong just come home." Easy for them to say, right?

These people have obviously forgotten this familiar scene: You're at a party with some friends. After a while the keg arrives and you're faced with a problem, to drink or not to drink. If you don't everyone will think you're a big bore and if you do you'll be going against your principles.

Millions of teens face these kinds of dilemas every day. Whether it's drugs, drinking, sex or any number of situations, they have to find ways to deal with peer pressure.

Some stick to how they feel no matter what the consequenses. Sophomore Jenny Bubala says, "Tell them no to whatever they are offering. If they still won't leave you alone just walk away. You may lose some friends but you'll know you did the right thing."

Apart from the obvious ideas of peer pressure are the less thought about situations.

There is a lot of pressure on teenagers to look, act and dress a certain way. Fads come and go but while they are here teens want to have what's "in". That can cause kids to take drastic measures.

Junior Tera Braddam said, "I got jealous of everyone else having things so I went to Venture and stole sixth dollars worth of tapes. I got caught but that was just my way of solving the problem."

That's just one example of someone giving in to today's pressures. Others also find it's easier to go with the flow. Junior Chad Krooswyk commented, "Sure, I give in to pressure. Why not? It's more fun that way!"

On the flip side of the coin Janice Hancock, sophomore, takes a different view, "If a person is really your friend they will know what you're comfortable with doing, and if they're true friends they won't put pressure on you like that."

Junior Greg McCauley agreed with this idea of standing up to peer pressure. He said, "I don't let my peers bother me. I am an individual."

Senior Gojko Cucuz also finds it easy to stand up to peer pressure, "I really don't care what other people think. I don't give into peer pressure, I just do what I want."

A different view altogether is that peer pressure does not even exist. Some teens feel it is just an excuse for the times when one is caught doing something wrong. A "the devil made me do it" excuse.

So, in one way or another, GHS teens must deal with peer pressure. Whether it's giving in, standing up, or not believing, it's up to the individual.

Senior Carrie Redmon is sneaking the car out while his parents are gone for the evening. Peer pressure from friends can be hard to stand up to

"What's the answer to number three?" Many teens are forced to cheat on homework assignments and tests due to the pressure put on by classmates.

Junior Julie Lator is caught trying to sneak out of her house in order to make an "all-important" weekend party.

*High School Sweethearts*

# Make Marriage Plans

It's what happens when dating turns serious-engagement.

Eric Fetsch, junior, said, "my parents don't approve of my engaging Renee. I'm their little baby boy! I can never grow up and live a life of my own!"

"My mom thinks I am to young to be engaged. But, she is somewhat happy because she knows it's going to be awhile," said senior Renee Baldwin."

"My parents aren't all that happy about our engagement," said senior Julie Kilgore. "They do not think we can make it on our own; and Mike will still be in school."

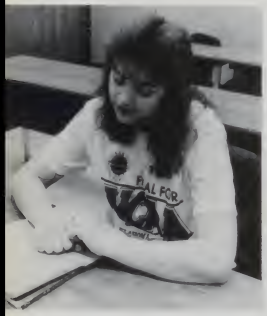
On the other hand parents' feelings could be just the opposite. "My parents and Dan's parents very much approve. They are very happy that we can be so independent and finish school."

Along with parent's approval there is a lot of planning and preparation for a big step such as marriage. As for Roxanne and senior Dan Shadwell's marriage everything is all planned. "We are getting married at St. Mary's Church August 26, 1989 at 2:00 p.m. And the reception is at Chetnick Hall in Schererville. We also have all the other plans to which are not as major," said Dewes.

Part of engagement is the surprise when he pops the question. "Eric and I talked about marriage and we knew we wanted to, but when Eric asked me I was very surprised!"

But, in most cases the couple isn't the only ones who are considered in this decision. The parents play a big part in this future commitment, too.

So before he can pop the big question there are a few other factors which should be considered first. And, then the big question can be popped.



Senior Roxanne Dewes stares at her engagement ring thinking about her marriage plans. She and her boyfriend have already made all their plans.

Yes, I'll marry you. Senior Julie Kilgore and junior Mile Oaf make plans for their fall wedding. They aren't the only sweethearts who are engaged.

Anderson, Chris
Anderson, Darin
Atkinson, Shannon
Austin, Tamie

Bapst, Lucie
Barrett, Matt
Basler, Kathy
Beasley, Michael

Bednar, Jennifer
Birk, Kristin
Bogner, John
Bowman, Jason

Boyd, Dan
Braddam, Tera
Bradfield, Kevin
Brinkman, Jeneane



Bronson, Eric
Brooks, Lawrence
Bukowski, Tom



Burks, Jeff
Butner, Stephanie
Cannon, Ann



Castillo, Michelle
Cazares, Olga
Charleston, Ken






Cherven, Jennifer
Christopher, Jennifer
Clark, Angela
Cobb, Jackie
Collins, Sandra
Cooper, Craig






Covarrubias, Laura
Cox, Bill
Crownover, Dustin
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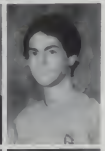
Dangelo, Colleen
Darenski, Gary





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Davis, Ryan
Dec, Eric
Dewar, Dan
Dills, Kris
Doppler, Chris






Dresbaugh, Marcella
Dunnett, Dawn
Dunnett, Ron
Dunning, Glen
Durall, Dawn
Eaglin, Derek

Farmer, Jennifer
Fetsch, Eric
Fields, Stacy




Fingar, Matthew
Ford, Jack
Foss, Chris



Gal Barbara
Galambos, Tim
Galocy, Matt



Gasper, Katrina
Gehring, Steve
Gillespie, Richard
Goff, Stacy
Gomez, Frances
Gonzalez, Andrea






Grin, Carl
Grisafi, Tom
Grubbs, Lisa
Guevara, Brian
Gunter, Sherry
Haag, Regina






Hass, Christina,
Hamilton, Jenni
Hawkins, Christophe
Hayes, Janet
Heinrichs, Laura
Henman, Christine






Hendrix, Jason
Hill, Craig
Hjertquist, Jennifer
Hoot, Todd
Huddleston, Genny
Huddleston, Karen






# Many Of The Opinions Vary

Every school has them. Whether or not you may be considered a part of them is indifferent. Yes, they are the "in-crowd", or sometimes better known as, preps or jocks.

Everyone has his or her own opinion of them. Senior John Yonan said, "I think too many of them (the "in-crowd") walk around this school with their noses so high in the air; you have to ask them what color the sky is, like some of the cheerleaders. Also, during football and basketball seasons, some players walk around like they're God. Some of them you can talk to but the others-well, good luck. Just because you are in four different school activities doesn't mean that people respect you any more; if anything it makes them resent you even more."

"I will admit that some people in athletics are stuck-on themselves but that is no reason for the rest of us to be tagged stuck-up. The few that are really don't matter. I hate when people associate me with those people or accuse me of being stuck-up and anyone who would make such accusations really isn't worth the time or the effort used to explain to them that they are all wrong," said senior Brett Zabek.

"I think it's pretty sad that there has to be an "in-crowd;" said Beth Galinski, senior, "to me they are all people with shallow personalities. Also, it makes me nauseous to see people kiss up to the "in-crowd" just to be social seekers."

Lesley Stupeck, junior, said, "Students not in this crowd consider us stuck-up; I do admit some people are and have big heads, but not all of them have big heads. But, I think the students say that, just because they are jealous and admire us, but just do not want to admit it. And, for the people that think the cheerleaders are stuck-up, maybe if they would get to know us for who we are individually and not what we are involved in; they would have a different perspective of thinking we are stuck-up."

Though there are many dissenting opinions about the "in-crowd" (preps, jocks etc.) everyone has his or her own reasons for liking or not liking them. And really whether you do like them or not; you will be labeled as part or not part of this group. It seems inevitable. Stupeck sums it up by saying, "No matter if you are in the "in-crowd" or not, everyone is human and created the same. It is just that some students are more involved in school activities than others."

Senior Beth Galinski said, "I think that it's pretty sad that there has to be an in-crowd and to see people kiss-up to them."

Jacobs, John
James, Kristina
Jennings, Scott
Jones, Michelle

Jones, Skip
Jordan, Gene
Jovanovich, Mike
Kendall, Diane

Kirk, Jason
Knick, Kenneth
Krooswyk, Chad
Kuss, Brian

Lach, Kathy
Lake, Matt
Lake, Mike
Last, Joe

Lesley Stupeck, junior, said, "Whether you are in the in-crowd or not, everyone is human and created the same

*There Is A Choice*

# Griffith Or Tech

"Is that it? Let's go." it's 7:25 in the morning. Susan, the busdriver, is ready to go. Where are Susan and her busload of about fifteen kids going? They are on their way to the Hammond Area Career Center (ACC), otherwise known as tech.

Tech is a place with a variety of specialized three hour classes. A few of the main classes are Auto Mechanics, Bakery and Pastry, Child Care, Computer Programming, Electronics, Industrial Electricity, Machine shop, and Welding/Cutting.

There are a few requirements set for students. Vice Principal David Smith said, "There can't be a record of disciplinary problems like attendance problems, behavior problems, or excessive tardiness. Within three grading periods, a person can't miss twelve days of school and they have to have at least 20 credits to be included in the junior status.

People choose tech over Griffith for various reasons. "We aren't in school, at Griffith, as long as we are at Tech. It's a lot better than taking a bunch of art classes that you aren't gonna use anyhow. I'll be able to use Child care with my own kids later." Lisa Gniadek, senior, said.

Tech has available classes for first and second year student programs, seniors returning from their junior year.

For many students Tech is a learning experience and most enjoy it. Senior, Sue Kwasny said, "I took Child Care there, at tech. It's a lot of fun and a real learning experience. We learn about kids behavior. I may make a future career of it. I'd take it again if I could.

Everyone has different reasons for going, Senior Tony Morris said, "My counselor said it would be best if I went. I had wanted to quit school and she talked me into trying Tech. I'm taking Industrial Electricity now. We're learning wiring of garages and houses. I'm glad I went."

Although quite a few kids that go there it isn't for everyone. Smith said, "Mainly it's for supplementing what we can't offer. We have a committee to screen the applications and check the things I mentioned earlier. Students have to show an interest in the class they choose. we usually don't limit the students.

Whether it's for the experience or just to get our of Griffith it's a choice to consider. A variety of classes are offered and a variety of things can be learned. For a person to go to Tech all that has to be done is to walk down and talk to his or her counselor.

You have to share with each other Senior Susan Kwasny learns the techniques of talking to children at the Hammond Area Career Center.

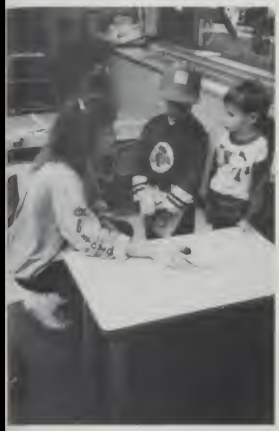
Lisa Gniadek and Susan Kwasny try explaining to a child different ideas in finding the size of the blocks at the Woodmar Child Development Center, a part of "tech".

Lator, Julie
Laughlin, Alanna
Lesniak, Marc
Loikema, Troy

Lovin Douglas
Mares, Wendy
Markve, Bill
Mauch, Michael

McCabe, Monica
McCauley, Gregg
McDermott, Steve
McGuire, Patricia

McLellan, Kylee
Messmer, Brian
Meyer, Dave
Miller, Debbie



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Navarro, Damion

Netos, Terry
Oat, Mike
O'Dea, Kelly

O'Donnell, Amy
Ortiz, Gina
Osmulski, Mark
Ostrowski, Douglas
Patrick, Tina
Patton, Denise

Pena, Tina
Perez, Kelley
Peters, Bobbie
Peters, Jodi
Pfieffer, Tina
Preste, Laura

Raketich, Mike
Raybuck, Laura
Redmon, Dawn
Rentschler, Brandi
Rex, Jeanelle
Reyome, Kristen

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Rodell, Nanette
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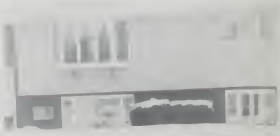

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Russell, Lori

Ryzewski, Don
Sahi, Jaswinder
Sainato, Frank

Sainato, Joe
Salcedo, Richard
Scheeringa, Jeannine
Schuhrke, Aron
Segally, Lisa
Senffner, Eric

Shadwell, Ron
Simmons, Christa
Sippel, Tom
Slacanin, Donna
Slacanin, Sheri
Smith, Eric

Spitz, Steven
Staniszewski, Ryan
Steele, Mike
Stokes, Jennifer
Stone, April
Stupeck, Lesley

Sutkowski, Kristine
Sweeney, Brian
Tapley, Scott
Tauber, Leela
Taylor, Monica
Textor, Alison

*Driving Without A License*

# Is It Fun Or Dangerous

It seems like the perfect opportunity. The keys are laying there and your parents are away. Or the case may be you want to go some where but you don't have a driver's license. What should you do? It sounds tempting, but also dangerous if you get caught!

However, there are some brave souls who are willing to take a chance. Senior Renee Baldwin explained, "We were camping in Michigan and Kelli Wilkey and I took my mom's car and went driving around. I was driving, but I didn't have my license! We only planned on being gone for about an hour, but we got lost and ended up being gone for almost four hours. Luckily, When we finally got back my mom was still gone. She got back about ten minutes later and didn't find out what happened. To this day, she doesn't know. I think I'll tell her the day I move out of my house!"

"I hope my parents don't find out that I am driving, said sophomore Jenny Bubala. Not being old enough to get a license can be a problem for some.

"Before I got my license, I drove," said junior Mike Oaf. "My mom didn't let me, but my dad did. When I got the truck, I'd go pick up my girlfriend and we'd go out to eat or drive around."

Junior Ryan Staniszeski commented, "I drove without a license all the time. My parents knew, they trusted me!! I drove to school and to my girlfriend's house. The furthest I ever drove without a license was to Lowell for a baseball game."

"I was at a friend's party and I asked her if I could take her car and drive around," said junior Denise Patton. "I went to another couple of parties in town, picked up some friends and returned back to my friend's house. I did all this without having my license.

The opportunity is basically up to you. But, before you do take the car ask yourself this question, "Is it really worth it if I get caught"?

Thompson, David
Thompson, Melissa
Tingley, Mary
Trivunovic, Steve

Tucker, Michelle
Turner, Christopher
Vestal, Chris
Ward, Mari
Webb, Ray

Wesolowski, Deena
Weyhe, Brian
Whitaker, Jody
White, Jason
Whitfield, Jenny

Wilken, Steve
Williams, Scott
Wiltfong, Pam
Wolf, Eric
Zakrzewski, Veronica

*The Nervousness Of When*

# Girls Ask Boys

Traditionally dating goes boy meets girl. Boy likes girl. Boy asks girl out. Thanks to Sadie Hawkins a set of new rules has been formed and is now the reason for Turnabout.

Now, girls have their chance to be as flustered and embarrassed and take the risk of being turned down as most of the guys are when asking the girl out.

Amy Bohney, senior said, "I was really nervous because I was really good friends with him and if he said no I was afraid it might hurt our friendship or make our friendship uncomfortable. At first, he said no because he couldn't afford the expense of a suit and flowers, etc. But, his family agreed to help pay for the cost."

"I was nervous but not as nervous as I would have been asking someone I didn't really know well. I just walked up to him in between classes and I asked him if he would go to Turnabout with me. He didn't answer me right away; he waited until after lunch and then he said yes. That was when I was really nervous," said sophomore Karen Hoffman.

Not every girl was lucky enough to get a positive response, though. Michelle Le Gear, senior said, "It took me two days to get up enough courage to ask him. I came to school the day after Christmas in a snowstorm to ask this guy to Turnabout. He was at swimming practice at the time. I asked him and he replied, 'Well, there is this girl I like and if she doesn't want to go with me then I will go with you.' Now we are more acquaintances than friends."

Sophomore Jennifer Lassiter said, "I was really nervous because I didn't really know the guy that well. We were just friends; he was from a different school, Morton, which made it even more scary because if he said no he could have gone around talking about me and saying I can't believe she asked me to Turnabout and I wouldn't have found out, but luckily I didn't have to worry because he said yes."

Many other girls have gone through this. And, all these nervous feelings with the rest of being turned down just for a date to a dance. But, Lassiter said, "It is not just a dance. It is worth feeling nervous to get a date for Turnabout. When I think about it I would go through all of that again, as long as he said yes."

So, will you go with me? Junior Michelle Castillo asks her boyfriend Kelly Carol to Turnabout It isn't always easy to ask a guy out.

Hello, is Jeff there? Junior Laura Preste calls a friend to ask him for a date. The phone is sometimes easier especially if he declines.

Adams, Timothy
Adelsperger, Aaron
Aldrin, Chad
Anderson, Dana

Anderson, Jason
Argentine, Mark
Baker, Michelle
Barenie, Anne

Barnaby, Jennifer
Barton, Nicole
Battiner, Mark
Bell, Michael

Belush, Barbara
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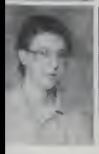

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*Television Reruns*

# Still Make Great Shows

Though they're played over and over again, we still watch them. These are re-broadcasts or more familarly known as re-runs. These students explain why we still watch them.

"My favorite re-run is The Brady Bunch," said junior Angie Clark, "I like to make fun of the clothes they used to wear."

Senior Penny Reeves also liked the show the Brady Bunch. I've watched them ever since I was a little kid. For some reason they have always interested me. They're groovy!"

Ann Plucinski, senior, said her favorite is Sanford and Son, "Because of the wisecracking old guy, Mr. Sanford."

"Though the Cosby show's new season has already started I still like to watch the old episodes of the Cosby Show on channel nine," said Junior Jeannine Scheeringa, They're problems are so life-like."

When a television show goes off the air it seems like they always bring it back into syndication. As sophomore Jennifer Lassiter said, "There are too many re-runs on television now, but occassionally I don't mind watching Gilligan's Island. They always come up with good ways to get off the island they're stranded on. but something always goes wrong to mess everything up and they have to think of better ways to get off the island."

James Sanders, senior, said, "My favorite re-run is Miami Vice. I just like to watch Don Johnson run around like he knows what he is doing."

"I like Miami Vice said senior Michelle LeGear, "I like to watch Don Johnson because he is really an attractive man, though he is as old as my mom," she kiddingly added.

Everyone has his or her favorite," said Reeves, "though you know what's going to happen, you still seem surprised and have to laugh."

VCRs have enabled true sports fanatics and television junkies to view favorite games at any time. Chicago Bears games are popular with many students.


James, Rob Jamison, Brian Johnson, Michele Jorden, Michael

Jovanovich, Kristie Judge, William J. Keen, Ryan Kelly, Dennis

Kilgore, Tina Kitzmiller, Carla Kleimola, Cathy Koczur, Jason

Kominski, Richard Korba, Angela Lacy, David Lamb, Clint

I saw this just last week. Sophomore Brian Wehye watches a previously aired Johnny Carson show Most late shows are reruns.

## Choosing The Path Of

# Working Students

Holding a job and going to school seems to be a very popular idea for a lot of students. These students tell why they go to school and work as the majority of students do.

Junior Terry Netos said, "I work at Kentucky Fried Chicken because I need to save some money for college and for my own personal belongings."

Stefanie Church, senior, said, "I put dresses on brides, bridesmaids, maids of honor, and fix veils for the mother of the bride at Jacklin's Bridal Boutique. And, it is really fun; though sometimes, I do the same thing over and over. But, I like the people I work with."

Sophomore Chris Swatts said, "I may start a job during the summer at a telephone building in downtown Chicago. I would start at seven or eight dollars an hour. That's not too bad for a starting price."

"I kinda like it (working at McDonald's). But, on the other hand I dislike doing the same thing every day (cleaning the fryers)," said senior Ed Senzig.

Senior Debbie Dominguez said, "Basically I like the people who work there (McDonald's). It's interesting to see the people who come through and order a Big Mac without onions. There are lots of good times, but there are also, lots of bad times. We are like a giant family."

The need for money for their own various reasons is the biggest reason for working.

"I work to save money for college, pay for my car insurance and just for spending money," said Senzig.

"If I get the job," said Swatts, "I will be saving most of the money for college, while the rest will go for dates and my own car."

Netos said, "I will probably still work at Kentucky Fried Chicken while I go to Purdue Calumet for my first two years of college. Then I can save the rest of the money I earn to put toward living on campus at Purdue, Lafayette.

Dominguez said, "If it wasn't for the money I wouldn't work. I'm going to stay here until I get a car, then I'll leave. But, I may think about staying if the situation improves."

Holding both a job and going to school has its good points and its bad points. But, for most it's a necessity for one of the most important words in life-money. So, you will have to decide for yourself which route you will take-the working road or the non-working road or having money or not having money.

Amy McDonnell, sophomore sits down so she can count her tips she made for the day. She is one of the many students that chose to work to earn some extra money.

Scooping a bucket of popcorn fill a customer, senior Donna Mirda is busy at work. She is employed at the Ridge Plaza Cinema I and II in Gary

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*Walking Into The Wrong Classroom*

# Leads To Embarrassment

It could be the first day of school, or just any other day during the year. You may walk around with your schedule in your hand trying to find the class you belong in or you may just inadvertently walk into the room next door to the one you are supposed to be in. But, anyway, walking into the wrong classroom can prove to be a very embarrassing situation.

Crystal Hinchy, senior, said, "It was the first day of school my freshman year and I walked into a classroom which I thought was Mrs. Clark's English class. When I entered I saw a lot of my friends from my old school, but they were all a year older than me. I sat behind this girl I knew and she turned around and said to me, 'Aren't you in ninth grade?' and I said yeah, why? And she said, 'This is a class for sophomores.' We were already five minutes into the class when I realized I was supposed to be in Mrs. Petska's biology class. I was so embarrassed!"

Senior Becky Fuehrer said, "I was supposed to be in Ms. Allard's English class but by mistake I walked into the classroom right next door. When the teacher finally walked in I noticed he was a man and my schedule said Ms. on it. I thought maybe it was an error on my schedule, but then I noticed his name up on the board, and I realized that I had walked into the room. Everyone stared as I got up out of my desk and headed toward the door. I felt as if everyone was laughing at me as I left."

Some people think they've walked into the wrong class, but really haven't. The thought of it can be just as scary. I remember when I was in ninth grade. I had Mr. Costello for math. It was the first day of school and after the bell had rung he got up and introduced himself as someone else. At first I panicked because I thought I was in the wrong class, but it turned out he was just joking." said senior Sue Hickey.

Everyone makes mistakes. Just remember to look above the door for the room number before you walk into a new class. If you happen to walk into the wrong room, don't forget everyone has had an embarrassing moment. The best thing to do is to let the people laugh with you and not at you.

Denise Mikulski, senior, realized that she has walked into the wrong classroom. This embarrassing situation has happened to many students.

Swatts, Chris
Szafarczyk, Ron
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Trivunovic, Mara
Troska, Dennis

Tucker, Leanne
Van Horssen, Garret
Verbich, John
Vittorio, Nick
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Vrehas, Nancy
Wallen, Jeff
Walsh, Dawn
Wilsbach, Tim
Wojciechowski, Eric

Woodard, Eric
Worosz, Mike
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Zebracki, Christine
Zebracki, Michelle

The band performs one of their many songs during one of this year's home basketball games. The band is an important part of any sport.

Tapes and albums are one way of listening to your favorite tunes. Urban Chipmunk, Oak Ridge Boys, Foreigner, and Motley Cure all represent a different type.


Senior Dawn Powers practices the guitar with his band in his garage. Powers' band was just one band of a few that GHS has produced

*Music's Lyrics*

# Cause Controversy

Music doesn't influence people to do drugs. The kids who do drugs come from broken homes and from parents who mistreat them," said sophomore Tony Gonzalez.

Sex, drugs and rock-n-roll are said to be the root of all of America's teen problems, especially the latter.

The debate whether or not music influences teens is a very serious question raised in today's society.

Now, with satanism (or worshipping the devil) growing, the lyrics in some songs are blamed for the latest outbreak in the U. S.

"Heavy metal is getting a bad rap. Most groups are totally against drugs. And, the ones that are, if the people live the lyrics it is because of their own unstableness," said sophomore Tim Adams.

Senior Tim Schutter said, "I listen to Christian heavy metal, so it is obvious not all heavy metal is associated with drugs. They are usually already into the drugs without the music."

"Some heavy metal groups, such as Anthrax have a song against drugs," said Gonzalez.

Senior Tammy Hageman said, "It is the parents who are complaining about the music us teenagers listen to, but when they (the parents) were young their parents complained about them listening to that loud, obnoxious type of music that they say is harmful to us, so you figure they would understand."

"When you think about it," said Gonzalez, "most parents' parents thought the same thing about the Beatles and Elvis. Just because people had long hair in the 60's, did drugs and listened to music doesn't mean just because we listen to loud music all of us are going to do drugs, also."

With the feud going on there seems to be some sort of stereotype going on. When your mom or dad, think of someone on drugs they usually picture someone with long, uncombed hair (especially guys), an old t-shirt and a ripped pair of jeans. Is that how most of them are?

But, the students complain that though their parents stereotype may be, in fact, true, it doesn't necessarily mean heavy metal music's lyrics are harmful and are the cause of teen problems.

An anonymous senior said, "Both of my parents think that everyone with long hair, and an old t-shirt and ripped jeans is on drugs and worships the devil. I tried to explain to her that not everyone is like that but she didn't listen. She threw all my Anthrax tapes away because she thought they would be a bad influence on me."

Tami Austin, junior, is sporting another form of her favorite rock band- a concert t-shirt. Concert t-shirts were very popular this year.

Junior Craig Cooper takes a short break during one of his classes and listens to some of his favorite songs on his headphone set.

Sophomore Ami Sanders requests her favorite slow song to the dee jay at Turnabout. Slow songs give you a chance to be close to your special date.

# WE CAN COUNT ON . . .

What has to add up to support a club, oragnization or extra-curricular activity? This question may sound like a bad joke, but in fact it's no joke at all. A lot of time and effort is put into fundraisers. Some students may enjoy the task while others can't wait until their box of candy is gone. However, the job still has to be done.

Several athletic organizations have fundraisers to raise money for new uniforms. Senior Paula Batliner said, "I don't see why we should have to sell suckers because the school should pay for our uniforms and such."

On the other side the coin there are organizations who thrive on selling and marketing items. One such group is D.E.C.A. The club teaches selling techniques and business responsibility. "I think D.E.C.A. has taught me a lot of responsibility because you have to be able to do a lot of selling and being in I.C.E. has too because you have to be able to hold a job." said senior Jamie Crute.

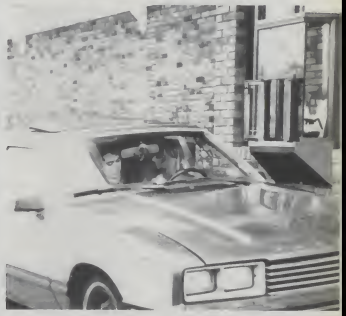
Another group that is self-supported is the publications department. Members of the staff are expected to sell ads in order to support the newspaper and yearbook.

Although many of these groups may find disadvantages with fundraisers. One advantage is students learn responsibility and a little about the the business world. Knowing what money can do is only half the battle raising it is the hardest job of all.

# MONEY + TIME + DEDICATION =

Which kind of juice should I get? Sophomore Pam Bishop tries to decide whether or not to get grape juice or apple juice. The juice machine was a new addition this year by Student Council.

Marilyn Marszalek, senior, thinks over the days events as she eats lunch at the local Arby's restaurant. Most students go out to lunch everyday. Students only have a half hour to get their lunch and return to school.



What did you order? Senior Nicole Wilson drives through the McDonalds drive-thru. Friends often carpool when they go out for lunch.

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"The people because they speak my language and it gives me an oppurtunity to associate with the people on the same intellectual level as myself" - IA Teacher Mr. Glassford

"Pantherettes, because it gives you something to look forward to on Friday. Since there was a semester class for it, it was a lot of fun, because I'd see all of my friends during it that I wouldn't see otherwise. And it was fun to dance."
-Senior Laura Garcia

"...The fact that we have the freedom to wear what we want and express ourselves to a certain extent. This is an environment we have to live in and being comfortable is very important. The road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom." -Junior Kris Dills

"Probably The most happenin' thing in school are the people in it. Its a time to get with friends that you can talk to on a day to day basis. Although it can get repetitious at times, we all seem to pull through. - Sophomore Troy Farrell

# The Senior Wall

Bill B.

Not bad for a Republican!

We love you,

Mikki, Mom & Dad

James A. Toren

We sincerely wish you health and happiness in the future. You have always been the one who had dreams of success and we know you will fullfill your dreams someday! We're very proud of you

Our love forever
Mom, Dad, Tina &Lori

Jason

Congratulations on your graduation. May your expectations concerning your occupation be a demonstration of your determination.

Love Ya,

Mom, Dad & Stephanie

## Becki Baker

Congratulations Becki Baker! We're so proud of you and we wish you much happiness and success in your future!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Amy

## Doug Keen

The big day is finally going to arrive. We are so proud of you. Take the world by storm! We love you very much.

Congratulations & Love

Mom & Dad

## Dear Dori,

"Hurray!" Its over! One stage of life is over and a new one begins But through it all we will be there for you!

Congratulations & Love
Sherri & Robin

## Dori,

Thank you for bringing us so much happiness. We love you so much. We are very proud if you. You have accomplished so much.

Love you,
Dad & Mom

## J. J.

Congratulations to our own Leader of the Pack.

We love you,
Keep singing,

Mom, Dad & Jessie

## Jeff Strack

You've given us a lot to be proud of. We wish you a lifetime filled with health, happiness and success.

We love you,

Dad, Mom and Amy

## Lyzette,

No parents could be prouder than we are. Congratulations Valedictorian. You will always be our # 1

We love you,
Mom & Dad

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Congratulat' as on your graduation. We hope for the best of every thing for you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Sherri, Gary,
Steve, Linda & Kids

## Terri W.

Congratulations!
You've had a great four years. We hope the next four are as much fun. You're a wonderful daughter and we couldn't be more proud of you.

We love you,
Mom & Dad

## Jennifer Carpenter,

Congratulations !
We're so proud of you

We love you,

Dad, Mom, Scott, Beth,
Grandma Carpenter
& Grandma Leonard

## Joe Nichols

Congratulations! You've made us proud. We wish you success happiness.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jim andCyndi

## Tracy Z.

For a beautiful young woman with a glorious future. For all your hopes, dreams, plans and desires, We wish you fullfillment.

Congratulations and Much Love,
Mom, Ron, Chris & Michelle

# Congratulations Class of '89

John Y.

Graduation is not an ending, but a beginning. Your future is awaiting. You can do anything or be anybody you set your sights on -- so go for it!

Love ya,
Mom, Papa & Beth

Heather G.

You've made us proud of you all your life by just being you. Your achievements are the icing on the cake. We know you have worked hard for them.

Congratulations & Love
Mom & Dad

Dan Z.

You have made us very proud Not only today, but all through your school days. You will always succeed because of the fine young man you are.
Good Luck at the Holy Cross

Love Ya
Mom & Dad

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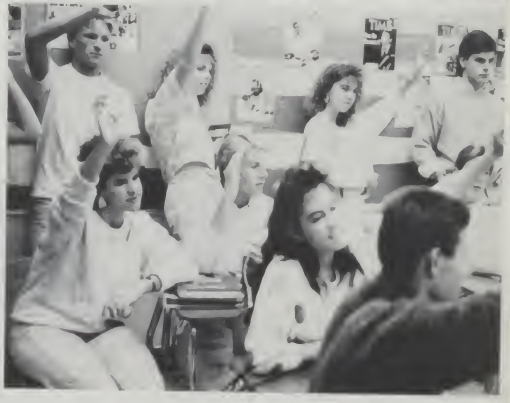
As the last school year in the 1980's came to a close, many at GHS were filled with feelings of relief. While the weather was getting warmer, and the days were getting longer, both students and teachers prepared for the final countdown to the end of the school year. Students began to wear tank tops and shorts again as they anticipated the summer months ahead.

Seniors faithfully crossed off the days on their calendars. in just a few short weeks, they would no longer be high school seniors; they would be high school graduates.

Juniors and sophomores also kept track of the time left until the lazy days of summer. Their thoughts were of sleeping in, staying out late, going to the beach, and best of all, not having any homework!

All the homework assignments, tests, sports, dances, and other extracurricular activities were over, but they all added up to GHS '89!

Sitting in the pep band section of the bleachers, Junior Dave Thompson taps out the beat to the music with his drum sticks. A lot of time is spent practicing the music for the game. All the practicing adds up to a good performance at the games on Friday.



Hands held high, Student Council members Matt Lake, Lori Russell, Pam Wittfong, Gregg McCauley, Amy Bohney, Chris Swatts, Stacy Baker, and Dan Leslie are in favor of the proposed motion. Student Council meets every Wednesday morning at 7:25.

Seniors Tracy Zebracki, Tricia Turner, Desa Stepanovich, Terri Wroblewski, Marilyn Marszalek, and Tammy Whitfield cheer on their classmates at Activities Night. The points added up to a victory for the seniors.

Seniors Laura Garcia, Michelle Maglish, and Paula Gilbert make their way through the crowed hallway during passing period. Since most students don't need all five minutes to get to their next hour class, they have time to visit with friends.

Mrs. Jean Herd, librarian, puts a book back on the shelf. There are 24,466 books in the GHS Library. About 85 books are checked out every day.


So, what happened last hour? Lunch is a time for students to catch up on what's happening with friends. This year was the first time that all students had the same lunch hour.

Touchdown! The crowd stands and cheers as their team just won the game with the final touchdown in the last two seconds of the game. It added up to a victory for the entire school.

## One in a Hundred 6

Students are constantly being compared in their academic achievements. However, in their personal lives, they found ways to stand out from the crowd and to be that one in a hundred.

## ABC's and 123's 30

Reading, writing, and arithmetic add up to a good education. The new state law required us to attend school for five more days this year to reinforce our ABC's and 123's.

## In Addition 54

Extra responsibilities and honors ended up equaling time after school. Students who participated in clubs and activities had to manage their extra-curricular duties in addition to their studies.

## All Together Now 68

Many of the athletic goals that were set this year were accomplished. Through team work and support by the fans our football team pushed its way through the season with an exceptional record. All together we can do it.

## Counting Heads 114

Many faces could be seen walking through the halls. Even though our enrollment is declining, teachers and faculty members could still be found counting heads.

## We Can Count on . . . 158

The people and businesses of the community supported the school through advertisements and donations. In return, let's support them because they are people we can count on.

# It all Adds Up


Is the pain worth the gain? Senior Sally Baker thinks that it is. The chocolate on her face added up to a victory for her and her partner. Activities night was enjoyed by most of the high school.

202 juniors 214 bleachers in Varsity gym 198 sophomores

25 pinatas in Mr. Weaver's room 14 banners in Varsity gym

13,480 white floor tiles 65 varsity gym windows 32 exit signs

200 students on the average go to the hall each day 57 outlets

65 ceiling tiles per class 6% of the student body has red hair

15 black flags in the varsity gym 5995 green squares

3% of the student body wear braces 13 tardies a day

26 phones 37% of the student body has been in suspension

4% of the students rated cheeseburgers as their favorite

341 boys on the average 5 tests are given each nine weeks

13% of the students rated pizza as their favorite cafeteria meal

74% of the student body is planning on attending college

54% of the student body has brown hair 8 pay phones

21% of the students walk to school 106 Hall of Fame pictures

306 scoreboard light bulbs 2700 brown floor tiles in the hallway

on the average each teacher gives 5 tests each nine weeks

1296 dots in the ceiling tiles 38 classrooms have a menu posted

80 students on the average are sitting on the ledge at any given time

twice a day the bathroom attendant sweeps the hall 51 teachers

pizza was served 43 times in the cafeteria this year 1 elevator